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## 11 AUSSIE UNIONS URGE FOLEY SQUARE REVERSAL

Eleven Australian trade unions have protested to the United States Supreme Court the conviction of the 11 Communist leaders and urged their acquittal in the "interests of international peace and democratic liberty." The unions also condemned the jailing of Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party and the unconstitutional Smith Act.

The unions were the Waterside Workers, Seamen's Union, Mine Workers Federation, Sheet Metal Workers Union, Clerks Union, Engineers Union, Miners Federation, Building Workers Union, Boiler Makers Union, Postal Workers Union and Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union.

Their joint wire read:

"Emphatically protest the unconstitutional Smith Act conviction of 11 Communist leaders and jailing of Eugene Dennis which are contrary to the provisions of the United Nations Charter. Strongly urge that appeal of Communists be granted in the interests of international peace and democratic liberty."

## N.Y. Has 15,300 Subs, Aims at 16,000 Total

New Yorkers have obtained 15,300 subscriptions for The Worker, according to yesterday's tallies, and expect to reach 16,000 by next Tuesday, when the books on the paper's circulation campaign will be formally closed.

The drive ended officially last Sunday night in New York City, but several hundred subs are being gathered in a "clean-up" process. This includes collection of subs gotten but not yet turned in, nailing down promises of subs and going after expirations that have not been renewed and are otherwise unaccounted for.

Outside of New York, the campaign will continue until next Sunday.

Attainment of the 16,000 mark will bring New Yorkers to 60 percent above the 10,000 objective originally set for the campaign, and will give them 89 percent of the goal set a few weeks ago when it was drastically revised upward to 18,000.

The "clean-up" process yesterday took Nassau County campaigners over the top. They reached their 300 goal, to join 24 other community and industrial groups in and around the city that have hit their final objectives. They were about 25 short of their goal when the drive closed Sunday.

The Queens-Nassau region has now obtained more than 1,350 subs, and its leaders are confident they will hit 1,500 by next Tuesday.

Brooklynites continue to lead, with some 5,850 subs in. They expect to reach the 6,000 mark by the time the books close

on the drive. This is double their original goal of 3,000, and almost ten percent above the 5,500 they undertook to obtain when the state figures were jacked up.

Manhattanites have about 5,800 subs actually in, with a couple of hundred known to have been obtained but not yet turned in. Though behind Brooklyn percentage-wise, since their final goal was 7,000, the campaigners in Manhattan are running neck and neck with Brooklyn for the honor of having garnered the most subs.

An important aspect of the achievement of Manhattanites was the fact that the industrial groups hit their goal of 2,500. They are still gathering them in during the clean-up process.

Bronxites, with 2,100 in, have hit 60 percent of their final goal. They expect to come close to their original target of 2,500 in the cleaning up.

Upstate, some 250 subs have been gotten, and more are expected this week.



# Lorain Steel Workers 71% for Quitting Korea

LORAIN, O., Feb. 28.—The pro-war policy of Philip Murray, head of the CIO United Steel Workers, received a severe jolt this week when the second largest local in the union—12,000 strong—conducted a poll through its official journal, and the vote was 71 percent in favor of immediate withdrawal of our troops from Korea.

The very holding of the poll was regarded as an extremely significant action for peace, for Murray has demanded 100 percent backing of his pro-Administration stand

and no questions asked. The answers show the steel workers are doing plenty of thinking about the government's foreign policies and related issues. But though they are clear and positive on the issue of Korea and dropping the A-bomb on other issues they still reflect the propaganda they hear on the radio and read in the press.

The question: "Should we expect foreign nations to supply the bulk of UN armed forces," received a 78 percent affirmative vote. The paper published ambiguous results on several questions: "Should we simply defend our outlying bases with air and sea power and keep our armies at

home?" The Lorain Labor Leader said "50 percent vote cast on this question." It didn't specify how that vote went. Likewise on the question: "Should we send troops to Europe." The answer, the paper said, was "50 percent vote on this issue." Again it was difficult to ascertain what that meant.

# Soviets Cut Prices on 137 Items--Bread 15% Cigaretts, Coffee 10%

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Soviet Union announced tonight it was cutting the prices of 137 types of consumer goods from 10 to 22 percent—the fourth such general price slash since the war. Radio Moscow

said that increased production on the part of Soviet industry would save the Soviet people 34,500,000,000 rubles in one year (\$8,625,000,000) — 27,500,000,000 on prices in state shops and seven billion rubles in the collective farm markets.

The state budget revenue will consequently lose 27,500,000,000 rubles," the broadcast said, adding, "The Socialist state is making this sacrifice for the sake of the people."

The Soviet Union had announced previous price reductions in 1947, 1949 and 1950. In 1949 reductions in consumer goods ranged from 10 to 30 percent. Last year a new list of items, including clothing and soap, were cut from 10 to 50 percent.

(Premier Joseph Stalin, in his recent interview in Pravda, had asserted that it was obvious the Soviet Union could not be building and maintaining huge armed forces and "continue the policy of systematic price reductions for consumer goods, which also demands scores of thousands of millions in budget expenditures.")

Today's decree mentioned 137 specific articles or categories, but added that "prices in restaurants, dining rooms, cafes and other catering establishments shall be lowered accordingly."

The list included a 15 percent cut in the price of bread and bread products; 10 percent for cakes and pastries; 10 percent for cigarettes and tobacco; 15 percent for mak-horka, a rough tobacco; 10 percent for vodka, cognac and other liquors; 21 percent for salt; 15 percent for soap and soya products; 10 percent for tea and coffee.

A study of the cuts in the price of bread since 1947 showed it had gone down 12 percent; 10 percent; 30 percent and now 15 percent. This makes a 53 percent cut in the price of bread since 1947.

**OTHER REDUCTIONS**  
Other price reductions included: Metal beds, china and glass products, 20 percent; lamps, mirrors, 10 percent; beef, 10 percent; fats, cheese, 15 percent; milk, eggs, 10 percent; matches, gasoline, 20 percent; radio sets, 10 percent; bicycles and watches 10 percent; building materials, 20 percent; cement, 10 percent; wall paper, 10 percent; sewing machines, 10 percent.

Radio Moscow said the cuts

**Bonn Gov't Bans Imports From ECA Countries**  
BONN, Feb. 28.—The West German government has suspended all imports belonging to the European Payments Union—the Marshall Plan countries—The Ministry of Economics announced today.

It was explained that the West German foreign exchange balance was getting more and more in the red, with \$320,000,000 still to be paid.

**Egypt Premier Shuns Women's Vote Lobby**  
CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 28.—Egyptian premier Mustapha el Nahas Pasha refused to see women's leader Doria Shafik and others when they called today to press their demands for women's right to vote.

Nahas delegated the chief of his cabinet to see them.

At one point, the document said

## BEGINNING MONDAY

JOSEPH STAROBIN

Daily Worker Foreign Editor

Just returned from Europe  
Will tell the story of

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# Pleven Cabinet Topples in France

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Premier Rene Pleven's government fell tonight. Pleven and his cabinet, which had served for seven months, submitted their resignation to President Vincent

# Lincoln Quote Sets Musmanno To Screaming

By Art Shields

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 28.—Judge Michael A. Musmanno screamed for several minutes yesterday in one of the most hysterical outbursts that this reporter has witnessed in a court when he was asked if he had read Abraham Lincoln's remarks on the subject of "revolution."

Auriol shortly after 7 p.m. (1 p.m. EST) after unsuccessful efforts to break a deadlock over proposed changes in the French balloting system. The changes are being sought to freeze out Communist representation from Parliament.

The chamber had accorded Pleven's government a favorable confidence vote, 243 to 216, but the premier decided that the government should quit because of the large number of abstentions—159.

Auriol accepted the resignation and immediately began the task of trying to pick a man with a remote chance of forming a new government.

The balloting proposal issue dates back to the last general elections in 1946, when the Communists gained the biggest number of Assembly seats under the proportional voting system.

The cabinet's decision to resign was taken in a two-hour emergency meeting after the national assembly rejected by 311 to 295 an amendment to an electoral bill which Pleven sponsored.

Anti-Communists in the assembly agreed that the electoral law should be changed to arbitrarily reduce the number of Communist deputies.

Musmanno was testifying as a prosecution "expert" on Marxism and "revolution" in the trial of Steve Nelson and Andy Onda, Communist Party organizers, and James Dolsen, Daily Worker writer.

Defense Counsel John T. McTernan asked Musmanno, was he familiar with the great American tradition of the right to urge revolutionary changes in government, and had he read the writings of Lincoln and Jefferson on "revolution."

Musmanno reluctantly admitted that Jefferson at least had mentioned "revolution."

McTernan then asked if Musmanno had read Lincoln's First Inaugural address. McTernan quoted the lines saying that whenever "the people grow weary of the existing government" they had the constitutional right to amend it and the "revolutionary right . . . to overthrow it."

Musmanno began by saying that Lincoln didn't mean what he said. Lincoln was only "speaking sardonically," he asserted.

Musmanno had only been asked if he "had read" Lincoln's statement. Instead of answering "yes" or "no" he launched into an arm-waving speech. His voice got shriller and shriller as he said that Lincoln was then engaged in putting down a "revolution" or "revolution of the slaveholders," which Musmanno said was very much like the modern "proletarian revolutions."

This dishonest answer didn't make sense. But at least the stenographer could follow him. He hadn't reached the 200-word-plus a minute speed as yet.

## SPEECH EXPUNGED

After that, the speech became a cyclonic scream that no one could follow. One caught wild phrases accusing McTernan of "fomenting

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# Collins Would Send 18-Year-Olds Abroad

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army chief of staff, admitted today that the armed services may take more men than the 3,500,000 maximum set by President Truman. Collins also told the House Armed Services Committee that he op-

poses any limitations on sending 18-year-olds overseas. There have been protests over the fact that 17½-year and 18-year-old youngsters have been among the casualties in Korea.

Simultaneously, Senate Democratic leaders pressed for an early vote on the 18-year-old draft. The chamber began debating the measure yesterday and Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex) said a final vote may be reached next Monday or Tuesday.

Johnson said he hopes for some "test" votes by the end of the week, possibly on a proposal by Sen. Wayne Morse (R-Ore) to peg the bottom induction age at 18½ instead of 18. The House committee already has tentatively approved a similar provision.

It said that the President's constitutional powers as commander-in-chief of the armed forces have been "enlarged" by the "need for speed" in military moves. Such moves, it said, "cannot wait on Congressional debate." It added, however, that Congressional support of foreign policy is more needed now than ever before.

Collins was questioned closely as to why the administration wants an 18-year-old draft when only six of the 27 National Guard divisions and three of the 21 regimental

combat teams have been mobilized since the outbreak of the Korean war.

Committee chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ca) said many Congressmen believe such a policy to be inconsistent. While he did not mention the fact, Congressional mail has been heavy with protests from mothers against the 18-year-old draft.

Collins objected strongly to proposals which would bar the armed forces from sending inductees overseas until they have completed their training.

On the question of sending 18-year-olds overseas, Collins claimed casualties in this age bracket in World War II were no higher than for older men. But Rep. Paul J. Kilday (D-Tex) said there was a "very high" toll of 18-year-olds in the Battle of the Bulge, in World War II.



## Un-Americans Try to Redbait Farm Groups

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The House Un-American Committee launched its drive against the Farmers Union and other progressive farm groups with two and a half hours grilling of Lem Harris, secretary of the National Farm Commission of the Communist Party.

Harris made it clear that his interests, since graduation from Harvard in 1926, have been in the field of agricultural economics, and that he was himself a farmer for a while. These interests were aroused especially by the hardships of small farmers during the depression years, he said, and he attempted to relate something of the difficulties faced by small farmers. The Un-American Committee, however, showed no interest in this. They were trying to establish that progressive farm organizations received financial help from "left wing sources."

Harris said he was a member of the Farmers Union and had been a member of the farm holiday movement in its time. But he never made policy for the Farmers Union or other national organizations mentioned by committee counsel Frank Tavenner.

Harris declined to answer a number of questions on the ground that they might provide "a link in the chain of connected circumstances." (Continued on Page 9)

## WHITHER ORGANIZED LABOR?

By William Z. Foster  
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### WHY STATE DEP'T BLACKS OUT STALIN'S SPEECH

## Wall St.'s Vest Pocket Edition of 'United Nations'

By George Lohr

CHARACTERISTICALLY, some of the commercial commentators had nothing to say about Soviet Premier Stalin's recent remarks on the UN except to read into them that the Soviet Union had decided to leave this organization.

By engaging in sensational speculation, they tried to hide the profound warning by the Soviet leader that by pursuing its present course, UN was burying its "moral prestige and dooming itself to disintegration."

The gravediggers of this moral prestige, the warmakers, did not want Stalin's indictment of their actions publicized.

Stalin's warning was documented with examples. In showing that UN was now "an organization acting on behalf of the requirements of the American aggressors," he dealt with the recent UN decision proclaiming China an aggressor in Korea. He said that it was a "shameful decision" and added that "one must lose the last vestiges of conscience" to contend that the aggressor, namely the United States, is the party defending itself, and that China, which is defending its frontier, is the aggressor.

But this fantastic Alice in Wonderland decision was necessary for Washington as part of its war campaign and nothing else would do.

When Warren Austin, its top man at UN, had done his work, the votes were lined up as neatly as in a political convention where the "boss" rules with a heavy hand.

A President trained in Pendergast tactics no doubt finds all this as it should be, and very likely prided himself on his ability to deliver the votes.

But the UN is not the Democratic or Republican Party, and at stake is not merely the issue as to which group is going to control the patron-

# Senators Report Gov't Graft 'Everywhere' in the Nation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Evidence of official corruption has been found among federal, state and local officials throughout the United States and in both major parties, the Senate Crime Committee reports showed today. The committee said such corruption was found in "practically every city it has held hearings. Among other cities, the committee visited New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Miami, Los Angeles, St. Louis, New Orleans, Cleveland, San Francisco, Kansas City, Las Vegas and Detroit. Some of these are run by Republicans, others by Democrats.

The committee reported that two major crime syndicates run an all-powerful underworld government whose disputes are umpired by deported vice king Charles "Lucky" Luciano. It was Gov. Thomas Dewey who permitted Luciano to leave jail and go abroad.

New York operators Frank Costello and Joe Adonis were named as over-lords of one syndicate, which has its "axis" between New York and Miami.

The committee reported crime conditions rivaling those of the Prohibition era at its worst. It (Continued on Page 9)

# Labor Continues Boycott Of Wage Stabilization Board

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Labor members protesting Eric Johnston's Regulation 6, the 10 percent wage freeze formula, today continued their boycott of the Wage Stabilization Board, and AFL secretary-treasurer George Meany said they would "never" re-enter it. Chairman Cyrus C. Ching of the WSB, on receiving word of the United Labor Policy Committee's decision not to return, immediately canceled a meeting of the board scheduled this afternoon. The meeting of the WSB was called to consider Economic Stabilizer Johnston's "suggestions" for some "liberalization" of Regulation 6.

## MacA Tanks, Planes Blast At Koreans

MacArthur's tanks, planes and artillery blasted away all day yesterday at the defenders of Korea, in the east-central part of the front, and some advances were claimed in patrol skirmishes.

Strong opposition was reported at the western anchor near Yongdu. An attack begun on a hill guarding the junction of two key highways in that area was said to be stalled by artillery fire.

The Seoul front was quiet. A MacArthur patrol stated it had probed into the Seoul suburb under cover of darkness and returned with one prisoner.

Johnston asked the board to "study" possibilities of permitting escalator "increases somewhat" beyond the allowable 10 percent limit if there are such cases by June 30, 1951; also the possibility of some limited welfare and insurance plans that would not be counted in the 10 percent.

Labor's answer came from a meeting of the joint AFL-CIO-Railroad Brotherhoods body that met to consider Johnston's order. After a morning meeting, another session was held in the afternoon to issue a statement.

While no details were given of the morning meeting, Meany said the three labor members would not return to the board. Asked if that meant "never" he replied that it did.

George M. Harrison, president (Continued on Page 9)

## McCarran Hearings Get U. S. Court's OK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—A special three-judge Federal Court today rejected the Communist Party's request for a temporary ban on hearings to determine whether the party should be forced to register under the McCarran law.

The party had challenged the constitutionality of the Police-State Act which requires alleged subversive groups to register with the Justice Department. It also questioned the legality of the Subversives Control Board which is holding the hearings.

The court ruled that the constitutionality of the McCarran Law can be determined when the U. S. Court of Appeals reviews the final order in the case.

The decision was handed down in an order signed by Federal Judges F. Dickinson Letts and David A. Pine. The other member, Circuit Judge David L. Bazelon,

concurring in a separate opinion.

They said it would be "premature" to intervene now since the party has not exhausted its "administrative remedies." Besides, they said, "the public interest is paramount" to any damage the party might suffer pending settlement of the case.

In his opinion, Bazelon said any damage suffered by the party stems from "the nature of public opinion which generated" the McCarran law, as well as the law itself. Bazelon evidently ignored the evidence that "public" opinion, in the form of all sections of labor and countless religious, civic, farm, Negro, fraternal and other organizations, as well as many newspapers, oppose the McCarran law.

## CLEVELAND UAW COUNCIL JOINS FIGHT TO SAVE McGEE



CLEVELAND, Feb. 28.—Full support to the fight to free Willie McGee has been voted by the Cleveland District CIO United Auto Workers Council. The council sent messages to President Truman and the Governor of Mississippi urging that McGee's life be spared. A communication was also addressed to the Cleveland Industrial Union Council urging that body to join the campaign and call on all CIO locals in Cleveland to support it.

The action was taken following a report by Council President Charles K. Beckman, who had taken part in the pilgrimage to Richmond, Va., on behalf of the Martinsville martyrs as a delegate from Fisher Body Local 45.

age, but the rather larger issue whether the world is to have peace.

OF COURSE, there are many people who will dispute the statement that UN acts on behalf of the wishes of the U. S., and they will point to such instances as India's stand against calling China an aggressor.

It is true that India did stand out to the very last, and that its Sir Benegal Rau warned UN its action was fraught with danger for peace.

But such shows of independence are rare, and everybody remembers that the people of India were nearly condemned to starvation by Washington because of Sir Benegal's "impudence" in refusing to buckle down to U. S. orders.

Stalin called the roll on 30 countries who represent the aggressive role at UN—10 member nations of the Atlantic pact treaty and 20 Latin American countries.

Anyone familiar with the UN votes over a period of years knows that this bloc is invariably lined up with whatever Washington wants.

If one of these nations talks occasionally at some especially outrageous demand—mostly because his government is afraid of public sentiment back home—Austin suavely turns on the heat.

FREQUENTLY one gets the impression that the delegates from these countries mentioned barely listen to the arguments presented by opponents of Washington's aggressive moves.

They either have been told which way to vote or they merely have to watch what Austin does and do the same.

For instance, I listened to part of the evidence presented at UN to buttress the charge that the U. S. was an aggressor in the Far East. Poland moved at the very outset that a statement containing facts and figures by Ambassador Wu

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# Greetings to Foster from Abroad

## AUSTRIA

Austrian Communists congratulate you, firm fighter for the cause of the working class, on your 70th birthday. We wish you many more years of successful work for the cause of peace, democracy and socialism.

Communist Party of Austria

## COSTA RICA

We greet you with profound esteem.

MANUEL MORA

General Secretary,  
Vanguardia Popular

## BELGIUM

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Belgium sends you its warmest congratulations on the occa-

Here are some of the greetings received from abroad by William Z. Foster, chairman of the Communist Party on his 70th birthday yesterday. Additional greetings will be published tomorrow.

sion of your 70th birthday and expresses the hope that, for many long years more, you can lead the struggle of your Party for the emancipation of the working class and all toilers, for the national liberation of the Negro people, for peace and democracy, for socialism in the United States.

We know the outstanding part that you have played for half a century at the head of the struggles of your people against their oppressors. We recognize

the importance of your theoretical works, notably your recent one on Popular Front and People's Democracy, written in connection with the monstrous trial of the Twelve.

We salute in you the spokesman of the courageous struggle being conducted in the United States against our common enemy: Wall Street imperialism, which wants to plunge all of mankind into the most terrible of all wars; and against which, we know, an ever in-

creasing part of the people of your country are lining up.

Finally, certain of speaking for all democratic and peace-loving Belgians, we say to you:

Long life and good health to William Foster, clear and firm leader of the advance guard of the American people;

Long live the unity of the peoples of the whole world, headed by the great Soviet people, in the struggle for Peace, Democracy and Socialism;

Long live the Communist Party of the U. S. A.;

Long live PEACE.

Central Committee of the  
Communist Party of Belgium  
EDGAR LALMAND,  
General Secretary.

## NAACP Counsel Shields MacA in Korea Trials

By William Taylor

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—Thurgood Marshall, national counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, reported on the results of his investigation of courts-martial of members of the 24th Infantry Regiment, at a meeting here Friday night.

Many of the approximately 400 people attending the meeting held at the Second Baptist Church were very much disappointed in Marshall's report. He completely exonerated Gen. MacArthur of any responsibility for the attitude toward Negro troops. At the same time he indicated the widespread chauvinism existing in the 25th Division of which the 24th Infantry is a part, and in MacArthur's headquarters. Even here Marshall placed the blame for the uncalled for courts-martial, anti-Negro actions in the 25th Division on the shoulders of the past officers.

In condemning some of the so-called past errors of the 25th Division, Marshall gave example of six cases of Negroes charged with misconduct in front of the enemy. All got life sentences in the courts-martial. He indicated that a case takes time, about 16 days to prepare carefully, but in the case of these Negroes, one took 42 minutes, one took 44, and one 50 minutes.

"There are mighty few courts in Mississippi that take that short a time," said Marshall. "At least you get a little time. Whether they think or not, they make out they are thinking."

In his apology for MacArthur,

Marshall did place the blame for the Army policy against Negroes on segregation. He said, "Gen. MacArthur has no responsibility for the courts-martial, but has full responsibility for the cause, and that is the segregation policy of the Army. . . . MacArthur can break down segregation in the Army in Korea today. In the general headquarters of MacArthur, there is not one Negro officer or enlisted men."

Marshall then stated that "MacArthur says 'We are aware of it and are working toward removing it.'"

### REDBAITS CRC

The NAACP counsel took the opportunity of this meeting to rebait the audience and attack the Civil Rights Congress. In informing the audience that Lieut. Gilbert is back in the States and is now at Leavenworth Prison, he stated that Lieut. Gilbert "was tricked in a letter he wrote to the Civil Rights Congress," and stated that the lieutenant had private lawyers and the NAACP representing him and "any any left-wing Communist organization that says they represent Gilbert are bare-faced liars. His sentence was not cut by any petitions sent to the President of the United States. Anyone who signs petitions are either dupes, dopes or jerks."

On the Negro soldiers in Korea, he stated that "they know what they are fighting for. The morale of the 24th Infantry is at a very high peak."

Then in direct contradiction to this he indicated that the men left in the 24th have been fighting

since July, that when he was there just two weeks ago, they were eight miles above Seoul, far out ahead of the rest of the armies, but that they all wanted to get back home.

## Forum at Michigan U. Votes To Organize Peace Council

ANN ARBOR, Feb. 28.—Three speakers criticized sharply the current foreign policy of the United States at a panel on peace sponsored by the University of Michigan Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions here.

The speakers were Mrs. Esther Sugg of Dearborn, who was a visitor at the recent World Peace Congress in Warsaw, Robert Bentley, chairman of the International Commission, Michigan Region National Student Association, and Donald Willmott, sociology graduate student, who was born and brought up in Western China. Moderating the panel was Professor Maxwell Reade, vice chairman of the A. S. P.

Willmott, the son of a veteran missionary on the faculty of West China Union University, Szechwan Province, China, state that "a cultural, political and social revolution has taken place in China, which the people fully support. The U. S. must remove its troops from Korea as real evidence of its desire for peace."

Mrs. Suggs, who is a spokesman for the Committee for Peaceful

Alternatives, told the audience of the warm and friendly reception that she was awarded by the people of Poland.

"Everywhere I went in Europe," Mrs. Sugg stated, "the people desired peace. In Warsaw we could still see the evidence of the last war. Five years ago hardly a single building remained standing after Nazi bombings and bombardments. Now there were blocks and blocks of fine new apartments which the government had built. Now they were resolved not to enter war again. The people not only want peace; they won't fight again."

Bentley spoke of the disturbed situation that college students of draft age now face, and of the great need for work for peace. He criticized the U. S. policy of containment of Russia as "impossible to achieve and purely negative."

"We must also promote a posi-

tive policy for peace," Bentley said. "This must be based on democracy, the dignity and equality of all men, the self-determination of peoples. All peoples must have a chance for the peaceful settlement of economic and social problems."

Following a discussion of the panel reports, the membership of the A.S.P. voted to set up a council of campus and town organizations interested in the dissemination of information and educational materials on peace and international good-will.

Professor Reade announced that other organizations interested in such a peace council would be asked to participate in its formation and direction.

Over 100 persons attended the meeting which was held at the Women's League on University of Michigan campus.

## Frank Carlson Tells Hearing Why He Is in CP

By VIRGINIA GARDNER

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 26.—Frank Carlson in recent testimony at his McCarran Act deportation trial, related with pride and dignity, why he had joined the Communist Party in the depression of 1932 or 1933.

Except for a period beginning in 1940 when the Communist Party limited membership to citizens, he has been a member ever since, he said.

Denied a continuance of two weeks to prepare to question his client on the character and teachings of the Communist Party, attorney John Porter refused to continue testimony and advised his client to decline to participate in the hearing further.

Carlson then remained mute before a string of prosecution questions, and the hearing was adjourned.

Asked by his attorney, "How did you happen to join the Communist Party?" Carlson was allowed to answer only after government counsel, Philip Broffman, objected vigorously that it was "immaterial and irrelevant."

Broffman objected throughout,

contending that under the McCarran Act warrant "the only issue is membership."

Hearing Officer John B. Bartos also allowed Porter to introduce as evidence, over Broffman's objections, William Z. Foster's "In Defense of the Communist Party and Its Indicted Leaders" and "Is Communism Un-American?" by Eugene Dennis, and the Constitution of the Communist Party of the U. S.

### SOUGHT ANSWERS

His joining the party, Carlson testified, followed a lengthy period when he had been seeking answers to questions which beset his Polish-born parents and their five children in New York City, where he came from Poland as a boy of 7 years.

They were, he said in answer to Porter's queries, questions as to why people were being evicted when there were plenty of homes, why children went hungry when newspapers told of food being burned, and why people became destitute after years of saving in a land whose productive capacities and resources could provide a good life for all.

Carlson's testimony followed an

opening statement by him as his own counsel, in which he condemned as "Fascist police state legislation" the McCarran Act under which he was arrested and imprisoned without bond on Terminal Island last October.

### JUDGE MY RECORD

"I am now charged simply with membership in a 'Communist organization' . . ." he said. The very fact that the definition of communism in the act had to be legislated "is itself an open admission of the inability of the government to prove charges," he declared.

Claiming that in any proceeding maintaining a "semblance of fairness" he had a right to be judged on his record and on what he as an individual stood for, he declared:

"I have never concealed either my activities, views or political affiliations. I do not intend to do so now . . . Am I a member of the Communist Party? Yes. My pride in my membership in the Communist Party is matched only by my pride in being a good American."

Citing Section 4-F of the McCarran Act, "neither the holding of office nor membership in any



CARLSON

Communist organization . . . shall constitute per se a violation," Carlson claimed that "the act not only contradicts democracy . . . it contracts itself."

"I never have had contact with

any organization that would fit the act's definition (of a Communist organization)," he said. "If such organizations do exist in the U. S. I am not aware of their existence. I can assure you, further, that neither I, nor any other member of the Communist Party, would touch such an organization with a 10-foot pole."

### AMERICAN MOVEMENT

The defense would prove, he said, that the organization he belonged to was "American as the Stars and Stripes."

The defense would prove the Communist Party of the U. S. was (Continued on Page 8)

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## Un-Americans Try to Redbait Farm Groups

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The House Un-American Committee launched its drive against the Farmers Union and other progressive farm groups with two and a half hours grilling of Lem Harris, secretary of the National Farm Commission of the Communist Party.

Harris made it clear that his interests, since graduation from Harvard in 1926, have been in the field of agricultural economics, and that he was himself a farmer for a while. These interests were aroused especially by the hardships of small farmers during the depression years, he said, and he attempted to relate something of the difficulties faced by small farmers. The Un-American Committee, however, showed no interest in this. They were trying to establish that progressive farm organizations received financial help from "left wing sources."

Harris said he was a member of the Farmers Union and had been a member of the farm holiday movement in its time. But he never made policy for the Farmers Union or other national organizations mentioned by committee counsel Frank Tavenner.

Harris declined to answer a number of questions on the ground that they might provide "a link in the chain of connected circumstances."

## WHITHER ORGANIZED LABOR?

By William Z. Foster  
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### WHY STATE DEP'T BLACKS OUT STALIN'S SPEECH

## Wall St.'s Vest Pocket Edition of 'United Nations'

By George Lohr

CHARACTERISTICALLY, some of the commercial commentators had nothing to say about Soviet Premier Stalin's recent remarks on the UN except to read into them that the Soviet Union had decided to leave this organization.

By engaging in sensational speculation, they tried to hide the profound warning by the Soviet leader that by pursuing its present course, UN was burying its "moral prestige and dooming itself to disintegration."

The gravediggers of this moral prestige, the warmakers, did not want Stalin's indictment of their actions publicized.

Stalin's warning was documented with examples. In showing that UN was now "an organization acting on behalf of the requirements of the American aggressors," he dealt with the recent UN decision proclaiming China an aggressor in Korea. He said that it was a "shameful decision" and added that "one must lose the last vestiges of conscience" to contend that the aggressor, namely the United States, is the party defending itself, and that China, which is defending its frontier, is the aggressor.

But this fantastic Alice in Wonderland decision was necessary for Washington as part of its war campaign and nothing else would do.

When Warren Austin, its top man at UN, had done his work, the votes were lined up as neatly as in a political convention where the "boss" rules with a heavy hand.

A President trained in Pendergast tactics no doubt finds all this as it should be, and very likely prided himself on his ability to deliver the votes.

But the UN is not the Democratic or Republican Party, and at stake is not merely the issue as to which group is going to control the patron-

# Senators Report Gov't Graft 'Everywhere' in the Nation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Evidence of official corruption has been found among federal, state and local officials throughout the United States and in both major parties, the Senate Crime Committee reports showed today. The committee said such corruption was found in "practically every"

city it has held hearings. Among other cities, the committee visited New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Miami, Los Angeles, St. Louis, New Orleans, Cleveland, San Francisco, Kansas City, Las Vegas and Detroit. Some of these are run by Republicans, others by Democrats.

The committee reported that two major crime syndicates run an all-powerful underworld government whose disputes are umpired by deported vice king Charles "Lucky" Luciano. It was Gov. Thomas Dewey who permitted Luciano to leave jail and go abroad.

New York operators Frank Costello and Joe Adonis were named as over-lords of one syndicate, which has its "axis" between New York and Miami.

The committee reported crime conditions rivalling those of the Prohibition era at its worst. It (Continued on Page 9)

# Labor Chiefs Withdraw from War Mobilization Agencies

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Representatives of organized labor completely withdrew from the war mobilization program tonight with an angry blast at what they called the big business bias of defense mobilizer Charles E. Wilson. The United Labor Policy Committee, representing all AFL and CIO members and many independent unions, ordered labor representatives to boycott all the war mobilization agencies in which they now are serving. It made clear labor members will also continue to say out of the Wage Stabilization Board. While the committee did not demand Wilson's ouster, one union officer said it "added up to that."

## MacA Tanks, Planes Blast At Koreans

MacArthur's tanks, planes and artillery blasted away all day yesterday at the defenders of Korea, in the east-central part of the front, and some advances were claimed in patrol skirmishes.

Strong opposition was reported at the western anchor near Yongdu. An attack begun on a hill guarding the junction of two key highways in that area was said to be stalled by artillery fire.

The Seoul front was quiet. A MacArthur patrol stated it had probed into the Seoul suburb under cover of darkness and returned with one prisoner.

Wilson's seizure of control over manpower, the committee statement said, has given labor "deep concern." The committee charged that "business is being allowed to write its own ceilings" while wages are being frozen.

It said yesterday's markup order validating profit margins in effect Feb. 24, "legalizes every illegal price mark-up since the Jan. 25 freeze order."

Higher and higher prices are built into the price formula by its reliance upon margin of profit for computing the legal price," it asserted.

The committee asserted Wilson has "absolutely no desire" to give labor a "real voice" in the drafting of policies. As a result, it said, labor leaders have arrived at the "in-

## Argue Writ Today For Willie McGee



John M. Coe, of Pensacola, Fla., one of the attorneys for Willie McGee, Mississippi Negro worker sentenced to die March 20 for alleged rape, filed an application yesterday for a writ of error before Circuit Judge Burket F. Collins, in Laurel, Miss., the Civil Rights Congress announced.

Coe, who is associated with Mrs. Bella F. Abzug, New York attorney,

in McGee's defense, sought the writ on the basis of perjured testimony and the denial of equal protection under the law.

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## McCarran Hearings Get U. S. Court's OK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—A special three-judge Federal Court today rejected the Communist Party's request for a temporary ban on hearings to determine whether the party should be forced to register under the McCarran law.

The party had challenged the constitutionality of the Police-State Act which requires alleged subversive groups to register with the Justice Department. It also questioned the legality of the Subversives Control Board which is holding the hearings.

The court ruled that the constitutionality of the McCarran Law can be determined when the U. S. Court of Appeals reviews the final order in the case.

The decision was handed down in an order signed by Federal Judges F. Dickinson Letts and David A. Pine. The other member, Circuit Judge David L. Bazelon,

concurred in a separate opinion.

They said it would be "premature" to intervene now since the party has not exhausted its "administrative remedies." Besides, they said, "the public interest is paramount" to any damage the party might suffer pending settlement of the case.

In his opinion, Bazelon said any damage suffered by the party stems from "the nature of public opinion which generated" the McCarran law, as well as the law itself. Bazelon evidently ignored the evidence that "public" opinion, in the form of all sections of labor and countless religious, civic, farm, Negro, fraternal and other organizations, as well as many newspapers, oppose the McCarran law.

age, but the rather larger issue whether the world is to have peace.

OF COURSE, there are many people who will dispute the statement that UN acts on behalf of the wishes of the U. S., and they will point to such instances as India's stand against calling China an aggressor.

It is true that India did stand out to the very last, and that its Sir Benegal Rau warned UN its action was fraught with danger for peace.

But such shows of independence are rare, and everybody remembers that the people of India were nearly condemned to starvation by Washington because of Sir Benegal's "impudence" in refusing to buckle down to U. S. orders.

Stalin called the roll on 30 countries who represent the aggressive role at UN—10 member nations of the Atlantic pact treaty and 20 Latin American countries.

Anyone familiar with the UN votes over a period of years knows that this bloc is invariably lined up with whatever Washington wants.

If one of these nations talks occasionally at some especially outrageous demand—mostly because his government is afraid of public sentiment back home—Austin suavely turns on the heat.

FREQUENTLY one gets the impression that the delegates from these countries mentioned barely listen to the arguments presented by opponents of Washington's aggressive moves.

They either have been told which way to vote or they merely have to watch what Austin does and do the same.

For instance, I listened to part of the evidence presented at UN to buttress the charge that the U. S. was an aggressor in the Far East. Poland moved at the very outset that a statement containing facts and figures by Ambassador Wu

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# Greetings to Foster from Abroad

## AUSTRIA

Austrian Communists congratulate you, firm fighter for the cause of the working class, on your 70th birthday. We wish you many more years of successful work for the cause of peace, democracy and socialism.

Communist Party of Austria

## COSTA RICA

We greet you with profound esteem.

MANUEL MORA

General Secretary,

Vanguardia Popular

## BELGIUM

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Belgium sends you its warmest congratulations on the occa-

Here are some of the greetings received from abroad by William Z. Foster, chairman of the Communist Party on his 70th birthday yesterday. Additional greetings will be published tomorrow.

sion of your 70th birthday and expresses the hope that, for many long years more, you can lead the struggle of your Party for the emancipation of the working class and all toilers, for the national liberation of the Negro people, for peace and democracy, for socialism in the United States.

We know the outstanding part that you have played for half a century at the head of the struggles of your people against their oppressors. We recognize

the importance of your theoretical works, notably your recent one on Popular Front and People's Democracy, written in connection with the monstrous trial of the Twelve.

We salute in you the spokesman of the courageous struggle being conducted in the United States against our common enemy: Wall Street imperialism, which wants to plunge all of mankind into the most terrible of all wars; and against which, we know, an ever in-

creasing part of the people of your country are lining up.

Finally, certain of speaking for all democratic and peace-loving Belgians, we say to you:

Long life and good health to William Foster, clear and firm leader of the advance guard of the American people;

Long live the unity of the peoples of the whole world, headed by the great Soviet people, in the struggle for Peace, Democracy and Socialism;

Long live the Communist Party of the U. S. A.;

Long live PEACE.

Central Committee of the

Communist Party of Belgium

EDGAR LALMAND,

General Secretary.

## Textile Strikers Reject Offer by Amer. Woolen Co.

Close on the heels of Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston's approval of Regulation 6, the 10 percent wage freeze order, the American Woolen Co. yesterday wired the CIO Textile Workers Union of America an offer to settle on the basis of the "extent permitted by the regulation." The regulation approved by Johnston limits raises to 10 percent of the level of 14 months ago.

American Woolen's latest proposal, a spokesman of the TWA noted, would presumably mean even less than the 5 cent raise offered earlier by the company, because the 12-cent hourly raise for woolen workers last October amounted to about 9 percent.

American Woolen, negotiating for its 20 plants employing 20,000 workers, is the pattern-setter for the 160 mills with 70,000 workers shut down by the strike for the past two weeks.

Francis W. White, the company's president, proposed immediate resumption of operations on the basis of an extension of the present contract for another year, the increases allowable, and a right to reopen the contract on 30 days notice if and when Regulation 6 is amended to allow higher raises. On its part, the company offered

to withdraw its demand for a sweeping speedup clause in the contract and severance pay for those displaced by machinery.

Replying to the company, Emil Rieve, president of the TWUA, wired, "Telegraphic offers are unsatisfactory." He took issue with White's "interpretation" of Regulation 6, holding that it is possible to negotiate "severance pay, pensions, other provisions and fringe benefits and the wage demands made," and submit the agreed-upon terms for approval to the WSB.

Rieve holds that the company should bargain without regard to the WSB regulations and that the union "will take its chances" on obtaining approval.

As the Daily Worker went to press, the exchange of wires continued.

The TWUA is demanding a raise of 15 cents an hour; pensions and insurance; annual "productivity" raises; cost-of-living escalators and other improvements.

Another large textile plant, a jute mill of 1,800 workers, was drawn into the textile strike picture today, when the Ludlow Manufacturing Co. of Ludlow, Mass., was shut by a walkout. The company's contract ran out without an agreement.

## U.S. Puts Korea Toll at 50,675

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The officially-announced American casualty toll in the Korean war reached 50,675 today.

The total, released by the Pentagon, was up 1,543 over a week ago. It included 8,612 dead.

The official breakdown of casualties showed 7,639 killed in action, 33,401 wounded and 9,635 missing.

Some of the wounded and missing were later reported dead, however, raising the death toll to 8,612, of which 7,017 were Army troops, 1,363 were Marines, 149 were airmen and 88 were Navy men.

TOKYO, Feb. 28.—The Seoul Radio said tonight that Chinese and Korean troops shot down 90 MacArthur planes and sank three naval vessels in fighting last week.

Here is the report by the Korean radio:

MacArthur troops killed—9,800.

MacArthur troops captured—17,400.

MacArthur troops voluntarily surrendered—433.

Troops "partly annihilated"—South Korean 3d, 5th, 7th and 9th Divisions and U. S. 7th Division.

Artillery pieces captured—274.

Other weapons and vehicles captured—40 tanks, 870 vehicles, 50 heavy machine guns, 70 light machine guns, and 1,240 small arms.

Naval vessels sunk—three.

Planes shot down—90.



## Judge Rules Sam Hall a 'Vagrant' As Southern Writer for Worker

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 28.—The conviction of Sam Hall, Jr., convicted of "vagrancy" under a state witchhunt law, was upheld on appeal yesterday and he was given a six months jail term and a \$100 fine. He is a southern correspondent for the New York Daily Worker.

"My arrest, conviction and sentencing was a political move to help whip up war hysteria," Hall said. "The upholding of this conviction today is a blow against the fight for peace which the people so deeply desire."

Hall announced another appeal. Circuit Judge Newton Powell upheld Hall's conviction by a re-

corder's court last July, shortly after he was arrested in a roundup of "Communists" ordered by Police Commissioner Eugene (Bull) Connor.

Powell denied Hall an appeal, stating he is plainly guilty of a municipal charge that he was a vagrant because he did not have a "source of reputable income."

His appeal bond was set at \$300.

"This case is unique," Powell said. "It is a question of whether or not he is guilty of vagrancy because of his admitted source of income."

Powell said he believed Hall to be guilty of "vagrancy" because he worked for the Daily Worker.

## CITE LYNCH THREATS AGAINST WILLIE MCGEE

Not only does Willie McGee face legal lynching on March 20, in Mississippi's electric chair on a faked charge of rape, but his life is constantly threatened by mob lynching, the Civil Rights Congress pointed out yesterday, as it urged speeding up the petition campaign calling on President Truman to use his executive power to save the Negro victim.

Three times during the five years that McGee has been ordered to die five times, lynch mobs have sought to take him from his jailers. He was threatened when:

• During his first trial, Dec. 6, 1945, a hostile mob, surrounded the Laurel, Miss., courthouse and jail.

• On Oct. 7, 1946, a tense mob of white men came to his second trial. The lynching was narrowly

averted by 100 militamen who stood guard while he was spirited from the court.

• During the third trial, March 3, 1948, his lawyers were forced to flee the courtroom before the trial was concluded.

New threats of mob violence are being voiced daily against McGee as the mass campaigns and the court battle for his freedom begins to take new form. The immediate personal safety of McGee, who is being held in the Hinds County Jail, Miss., has become the concern of the CRC and all groups working in his defense.

"In the face of the twin danger—the planned legal lynching in the electric chair and the threats of mob violence—we must spur the campaign for 250,000 signatures to the petitions to President Truman.

## Frank Carlson Tells Hearing Why He Is in CP

By VIRGINIA GARDNER

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 26.—Frank Carlson in recent testimony at his McCarran Act deportation trial, related with pride and dignity, why he had joined the Communist Party in the depression of 1932 or 1933.

Except for a period beginning in 1940 when the Communist Party limited membership to citizens, he has been a member ever since, he said.

Denied a continuance of two weeks to prepare to question his client on the character and teachings of the Communist Party, attorney John Porter refused to continue testimony and advised his client to decline to participate in the hearing further.

Carlson then remained mute before a string of prosecution questions, and the hearing was adjourned.

Asked by his attorney, "How did you happen to join the Communist Party?" Carlson was allowed to answer only after government counsel, Philip Broffman, objected vigorously that it was "immaterial and irrelevant."

Broffman objected throughout,

contending that under the McCarran Act warrant "the only issue is membership."

Hearing Officer John B. Bartos also allowed Porter to introduce as evidence, over Broffman's objections, William Z. Foster's "In Defense of the Communist Party and Its Indicted Leaders" and "Is Communism Un-American?" by Eugene Dennis, and the Constitution of the Communist Party of the U. S.

### SOUGHT ANSWERS

His joining the party, Carlson testified, followed a lengthy period when he had been seeking answers to questions which beset his Polish-born parents and their five children in New York City, where he came from Poland as a boy of 7 years.

They were, he said in answer to Porter's queries, questions as to why people were being evicted when there were plenty of homes, why children went hungry when newspapers told of food being burned, and why people became destitute after years of saving in a land whose productive capacities and resources could provide a good life for all.

Carlson's testimony followed an

opening statement by him as his own counsel, in which he condemned as "Fascist police state legislation" the McCarran Act under which he was arrested and imprisoned without bond on Terminal Island last October.

### JUDGE MY RECORD

"I am now charged simply with membership in a 'Communist organization' . . ." he said. The very fact that the definition of communism in the act had to be legislated "is itself an open admission of the inability of the government to prove charges," he declared.

Claiming that in any proceeding maintaining a "semblance of fairness" he had a right to be judged on his record and on what he as an individual stood for, he declared:

"I have never concealed either my activities, views or political affiliations. I do not intend to do so now . . . Am I a member of the Communist Party? Yes. My pride in my membership in the Communist Party is matched only by my pride in being a good American."

Citing Section 4-F of the McCarran Act, "neither the holding of office nor membership in any



CARLSON

Communist organization . . . shall constitute per se a violation," Carlson claimed that "the act not only contradicts democracy . . . it contracts itself."

"I never have had contact with

any organization that would fit the act's definition (of a Communist organization)," he said. "If such organizations do exist in the U. S. I am not aware of their existence. I can assure you; further, that neither I, nor any other member of the Communist Party, would touch such an organization with a 10-foot pole."

### AMERICAN MOVEMENT

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## Six More Convicts Slash Heels To Halt Prison Guards' Brutality

ANGOLA, La., Feb. 28.—Six more convicts severed their heel tendons yesterday as the protest against prison brutality spread to another camp of the state penitentiary.

Gov. Earl K. Long appointed a board of 27 men to "investigate" the convict's claims that they hamstringed themselves with razor blades because they wanted to be sent to the hospital to escape beatings with clubs and wet ropes.

But Long foredoomed any honest probe by announcing that he personally inspected the penitentiary and was convinced the claims were lies. Then he named 14 newspaper and radio men to the "investigating board."

The six new heel string slashers who severed the achilles tendons above their heels on one foot each,

were from Camp "H". Thirty-one others from Camp "E", to which alleged "habitual criminals and incorrigibles" are assigned, had cut their tendons earlier.

Last night, 10 of the 31 cut tendons on their other heels, making themselves complete cripples. They said they feared they were going to be taken out of the hospital and sent back to Camp "E".

### Hearing Tomorrow In Yuditch Case

Argument on the writ of habeas corpus in the case of Paul Yuditch, held on Ellis Island since Feb. 20, will be heard tomorrow (Friday) 10 a.m., in the federal courthouse, Foley Square, Room 506, before Judge Samuel H. Kaufman.

## US Officer Runs British Air Unit

LONDON, Feb. 28.—An American officer will command the North Atlantic war alliance's strategic bombardment command, based in the United States but including British air force units, informed quarters said today.

These sources said an announcement will be made shortly when the chain of interlocking naval and ground force appointments has been completed.

The standing group of the Atlantic military committee was said to have recommended that a global strategic bombardment command must be created but that it would best be established on American soil.

The sources said Atlantic Pact air force plans foresaw a "world wide deployment of air strength around the Soviet Union as air bases become available."

# Dewey Plots Bill for Mass Dismissals

By Michael Singer

ALBANY, Feb. 28.—Gov. Dewey, it was learned today, intends to spring his "anti-Communist" bill on the legislature in the final hours of the 1951 session. This sneak attack,

pushed by the GOP majority and abetted by the Democratic minority, it was hoped, would forestall any mass protests or demonstrations.

The bill, part of Dewey's dictatorship plan, would deny employment and fire all workers in "sensitive areas" working in the state agencies or in private business who did not pass the "loyalty requirements" of the civil defense bill.

The Daily Worker learned reliably that the bill is certain to be brought out on the floor as a "section" of the Becker-Bridges bill, or the Dewey dictatorship bill as it is better known.

### HEARING MARCH 8

Public hearings on the legislation will be held March 8 at 1 p.m. in the Assembly chamber. Persons wishing to be heard should address requests to Assemblyman Frank J. Becker, chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee to Study the Military Law, 270 Broadway, Room 715, New York City.

A Democratic motion to force the Stephens Rent Commission to report its findings next year by March 1, instead of March 31 as it does now, was defeated 29 to 18. Sen. Wachtel's motion was vigorously supported by Sen. William J. Bianchi (R-ALP) of Manhattan, who charged that the Stephens Rent Commission's report after the legislature had gone home for that year, was "unconstitutional" and "findings by default."

Bianchi also assailed the Commission's support of the McCordrick rent increase plan as "a pick-pocket of the housewives' shopping bags" and a "cut in the salary of every worker."

## Voice of Americans

### INDIANA

H. W. O., Crown Point, Ind.: "It's a shame that we 18-year-old youths can't find work, for everywhere we go our prospective employers shake their heads and say: 'I am sorry, but you're eligible for the draft!'"

"... It's a shame my kid brother and many others had to go over to Korea and God only knows whether they were buried or if they're out there—lying somewhere."

"It's a shame we can't have peace—the word means so much."

"It's a shame prices are so damn high that one can't even afford to live."

"God help us."

(Hammond Times)

M. L. AHUJA, Omaha: "I also feel that it is about time that the western nations should pull out of Asia. After all, Asia has been dominated by the westerners since ages. . . . You see, I am a student from India and the future of Asia concerns me to a great extent. . . ." (World-Herald).

### MASSACHUSETTS

W. G. HUEBNER, Watertown, Mass.: "If President Truman does not order the American soldiers to stop at the 38th Parallel, he should be impeached. His blundering order to send our sons to Korea has caused enough bloodshed for a worthless cause. He gives the lame excuse that he is preventing World War III and keeping Communism from our shores. Ask any returned GI if he agrees with this. The answer would be un-

printable. Sending troops to Korea is starting World War III. . . ." (Boston Traveller)

### NEBRASKA

JUNE SCHAAP, Omaha: "Are we going to let one irresponsible man bleed the nation white? . . . Why don't the Truman backers adopt a slogan, 'Back Mr. Truman and bankrupt the nation?'" (World-Herald).

### TEXAS

H. H. WATSON, Dallas, Tex.: "We are waging a Far Eastern war without the sanction of Congress and against the wishes of the people of this country."

(Denver Post)

### PENNSYLVANIA

MARGARET JENSEN, Pittsburgh: "Day after day the radio and newspapers quote Gen. MacArthur's enthusiastic statements that for every American boy killed or wounded in Korea, 10 Chinese are slain. Should we share the general's exaltation?" (Post-Gazette)

### WISCONSIN

LEWIS J. CARMINE, Madison, Wis.: ". . . By our own admission, we're slaughtering thousands of innocent civilians in Korea and have pulverized that blood-soaked land. Is this a policy calculated to win us friends in Asia? . . ."

(Capital Times)

# N. J. High Court Showed Trenton Trial Was Framed

By Abner W. Berry

On Aug. 6, 1949, the "Trenton Six"—Collis English, Ralph Cooper, Horage Wilson, John McKenzie, James Thorpe and McKinley Forrest—were led to the death house in Trenton's State Prison. The State of New Jersey had framed them on a charge of "murder," an all-white jury had declared them "guilty," Mercer County Judge Charles P. Hutchinson pronounced the death sentence. Sept. 19, 1948 was set as the execution date.

But the timetable of "Jersey Justice" which had clicked to the minute since the morning of Jan. 27, 1948, when a 73-year-old furniture dealer was killed in his cluttered store by unknown assailants, was upset by a mass protest campaign against the intended legal lynching. Mrs. Bessie English Mitchell, sister of Collis English, did not rest until she found an organization which spearheaded the protest—the Civil Rights Congress.

The fight to defeat "The New Jersey Scottsboro Case" spread from Trenton to the cities of America and Europe. Meanwhile, an automatic appeal set aside the execution date.

Civil Rights Congress lawyers, backed by this protest tide, took the case before the State Supreme Court. On June 30, 1949, the state high court reversed Judge Hutchinson and found his judgement had been "tainted with error."

But while the court so ruled under the glare of a world spotlight and confronted with as crude a frameup as has ever been put together by corrupt state functionaries, its decision was far from just. Under the guidance of Chief Justice Arthur T. Vanderbilt, the

ruling just about exonerated the six condemned Negro workers. But it did not free them. It said to the Mercer County Prosecutor, in effect, that he should find a more legal way to frame and hang these Negroes.

### COURT RULING

Now, if there is any doubt as to the intentions of the great State of New Jersey, examine the court ruling ordering the new trial:

"The inculpatory statements ascribed to Cooper, English, Thorpe and Forrest were all made while they were in police custody, without sanction of a warrant of arrest and before arraignment and commitment: MacKenzie's, the day following his arraignment . . ."

"The . . . confessions imputed to the first-named four were coerced and were therefore involuntary in fact; that they were elicited in an atmosphere proscribed by the Fourteenth Amendment of the Federal Constitution, while they were held incommunicado, without a warrant or arraignment, and under pressure of constant interrogation for four or five days, without advice of counsel to caution as to their 'constitutional rights'; and that they were inadmissible for these reasons . . ."

This section of the court's ruling throws out the entire body of "evidence" which Prosecutor Mario H. Volpe presented against the six Negro defendants. The court

had studied the record for months and surely must have discovered from reading it that there was not one "witness" who could identify one of the defendants.

But the court ordered the defendants "retried" by the same officials it had ruled in violation of the U. S. Constitution in cooking up the original frameup. And Gov. Alfred Driscoll assigned the judge whose judgment was found to be "tainted with error" to preside in the case! That could hardly be termed justice, unless a Negro's mere ability to be alive in Jersey after an official accuses him of a crime can be so termed.

The state court went further: It found the prosecution guilty of withholding evidence from the defense, but prescribed no punishment for this crime against the justice the state functionary is sworn to uphold.

But the innocent, proven innocent by the cold black type on the crisp bond paper, are being punished every day they spend in jail. It has been 20 months since the New Jersey Supreme Court ordered a new trial for the Trenton Six. The State of New Jersey, through Judge Charles P. Hutchinson, penalized the six men for one year because they sought lawyers of their own choosing. The story of this fight will be told tomorrow. It will throw light on the kind of justice to expect from their retrial which begins next Monday.

## U. S.-Soviet Group Calls Parley Here

"How to Avoid War and Make Peace" is the theme of the annual Educational Conference called by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship for Saturday at the Brevoort Hotel.

Nine conference leaders have been named for the program: Dr. Harry F. Ward, Dr. Joseph F. Fletcher, Prof. Henry Pratt Fairchild, Mrs. Eslanda Coode Robeson, George Marion, author of the recent book "All Quiet in the Kremlin," Hugh Deane, staff writer of the Daily Compass, Cedric Belfrage, editor of the National Guardian, and Peter and June Furst, recently home after five years in Eastern Europe as newspaper correspondents.

The conference, beginning at 10 a.m. and concluding at 6:00 p.m. is divided into five periods. The questions are: How shall we deal with the revolution against inequality in Asia and Africa? Where does the United States stand in Europe? What are we to believe about the Soviet Union? Are peaceful settlements and peaceful co-existence possible? What are the prospects of the American peace movement?

Dr. Kingsbury announced the publication by the national council of the text of the recent interview of Premier Joseph Stalin with the newspaper Pravda, prepared in small-leaflet form for distribution at printing cost.

## UAW Heads Try To Ban Struggle In Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 28.—Three high officers of the CIO United Auto Workers Union joined company officials in ordering workers at four local plants of the Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co. to stop their "wildcatting." The officers were Tony Audia, International UAW representative; Dominic F. Dornetto, Pittsburgh sub-regional director, and Wayne Campbell, president of UAW Local 1036.

Walkouts of groups running from several dozen to 500 from the different plants have been taking place at various times since Feb. 12 in protest against the firm's refusal to grant a 10-cent-an-hour wage increase unless the union would accept a five-year contract excluding a wage-reopener this year. The raise, according to Audia, has already been given those not in the union.

The present contract provides a five-cent hourly raise next May in any case.

The management of the concern's local plants warned its 1,800 employees by letter that continuation of the walkouts would subject them to discharge.

Charges of unfair labor practice charges have been filed against the company with the NLRB.



## The Stalin Interview

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Hsiu-chian of the People's Republic of China be read to the delegates.

It was explained that Wu left this document for submission to UN when he left Lake Success for home, after waiting here for weeks to participate in UN discussion on just this point, a discussion to which his government had been invited.

Washington maneuvered to put this matter off for three months, knowing that Wu could not and would not wait all this time. When this point was finally placed on the agenda, the UN leadership informed Peking at the last minute, making it physically impossible to have a representative present.

But Poland's request that UN at least hear a reading of China's charges was rejected. Here we have a perfect illustration of a nation with 475 million inhabitants—and the direct victim of aggression—without even a voice at UN while such tiny countries as Luxembourg or Honduras have a voice and vote to help decide the fate of the world.

**AFTER POLAND'S REQUEST** was rejected, its delegate and the Soviet spokesman presented a foolproof indictment of the U. S. government as being an aggressor in Korea and in China, by its air attacks over Manchuria as well as by the occupation of Taiwan.

But they didn't have a chance. Washington wanted this resolution defeated, and the majority knew what to do. Once again the UN charter became a mockery, and future crimes of aggression found ready encouragement.

Can anyone deny that Stalin was right when he said that UN "is now not so much a world organization as an organization for the Americans, an organization acting on behalf of the requirements of the American aggressors?"

**THIS BEING THE CASE**, it is certainly not surprising that UN, as Stalin put it, is "ceasing to be a world organization of nations enjoying equal rights."

The Latin American countries are tied to the U. S. war machine through the pact of Rio de Janeiro and virtually dozens of other "agreements" of an economic and military nature. Remember the huge investments of U. S. concerns in Latin America and the virtual control they exercise over the political life of these countries.

Washington still is the kingmaker and installs the governments it considers subservient and "safe." More than that, Stalin pointed out that the landowners and businessmen of Latin America want a new war in Asia or Europe so that they can sell their goods for excessively high prices.

As far as the leaders of the nations aligned with the U. S. in the Atlantic pact are concerned, they have long ago sold out their countries' sovereignty for a mess of Marshall Plan lentils—and for some full bags of gold.

"Equality of rights," certainly has no meaning for politicians who are so devoid of patriotism as to permit the stationing of large-scale U. S. forces on their countries' territory and of selling their youth as cannon fodder.

**IT WAS** the same sordid story at the League of Nations, which was used by imperialist powers like Britain and France—and behind the scenes by the United States—to put over their schemes with the help of servile politicians from smaller nations. It is only necessary to recall the shameful betrayal of Ethiopia and the rejection of the "collective security" program put forward by the Soviet Union.

Stalin said correctly that UN is "taking the inglorious road of the League of Nations." Even the most-hardened capitalist diplomat today would hardly deny that the road of the league was indeed "inglorious." It also became an organization not for the peaceful negotiation of differences between nations, but for the unconcealed advancement of imperialist ambitions.

But just because UN is taking the same road does not mean that the situation is hopeless. This is 1951, not 1939 and the camp of peace is infinitely stronger than it was then.

There exists now the World Peace Council with its hundreds of millions of supporters in 80 countries. This group has just decided to send a large delegation to UN to demand a Big Five Power non-aggression pact.

There are hundreds of millions of other people throughout the world who are not organized but who had high hopes when UN was first created and who want peace more than ever.

It is up to the people to implement the noble principles of UN for peace and security by their actions. The fight for peace has always been the people's job.

## Letters from Readers

### Press Roundup Held Model

Rensselaerville, N. Y.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

I am suggesting to the Daily Compass that is use, in its new feature "In the Other Papers," a little of the bit which makes your "Press Roundup" such good reading.

Your "Voice of Americans for Peace" is very encouraging.  
L.E.A.

### Hüter Inspired 'Insane Doctrine'

NEW YORK  
Editor, Daily Worker:

"The toughest problem facing Gen. Eisenhower in rearming Europe will be to mobilize the spirit. The esprit de corps, the enthusiasm of the man in the street. This points the finger at our biggest failure in postwar building."

What (Drew) Pearson says is the toughest problem facing Gen. Eisenhower in rearming Europe was ably illustrated in all its abominable moral depravity by one who knew how to make brutes out of human beings. The late Adolf Hitler wrote:

"The question of how to win back German power is not: How can we manufacture arms? Rather it is: How can we create that spirit which renders a people capable of bearing arms? When this spirit dominates a people, willpower finds a thousand ways, each of which leads to a weapon."

Both author and executors of the detestable Truman Doctrine are proving themselves apt and

eager adopters and adapters of that barbaric concept by being obstinately engaged in manufacturing on a large scale and at stupendously enormous costs the "spirit which leads to a weapon" and, of course, to the destruction of countless human lives. If this is not an insane Doctrine, what is it?

A READER

### The 20-Year Job Cap

Baltimore.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

This morning early, I picked up The Sun and looked over the advertisements for jobs. As usual, most of the jobs called for people under 45; before the war in Korea started, most of these advertisements specified 35. Next, I decided to go down to the unemployment compensation office connected with it. There also, I was told that they had no jobs for anybody above 45.

I just wonder how people, who are rotten enough to refuse to hire anybody above 45 and who at the same time set up pension plans beginning at 65, can live. But they do live, and so far as I know most of them make no effort to explain this gap of 20 years.

My last decent job folded up when the plant closed. I happened to be 56. My unemployment compensation ended long ago. At present, I have no income whatever, and the outlook is that I won't have any income for nine more years.

G. C. H.

## Press Roundup

**THE TIMES** horns in on one of those so utterly charming whimsies of the British upper classes—an argument on the merit of the London Times as a starter of fires. "Our own" Times reports that tests show that both the London and New York Times burn nicely, then adds: "An additional test with newsprint of the New York Daily Worker, sometimes regarded as an inflammatory paper, revealed no significant difference in burning quality." Maybe so. But the Times also reports that the Tito government faces a "critical food shortage" and adds that, despite the fact that a desired U. S. grant of \$450,000,000 would be used to build Tito's "own munitions industry," there is nothing "inherently" wrong with Yugoslavia's economy. So, assuming that we burn equally, would the Times like to test our comparative light-shedding qualities?

**THE MIRROR's** Walter Winchell notes that former Rep. Marcantonio is counsel for the Communist Party in its fight against the pro-fascist McCarran Act, sneers "Some folks'll do anything for a buck." Winchell doesn't have to brag. Every one knows he gets paid lots more for working for the warmakers than anyone does for fighting them. The Mirror runs a Hollywood-staged photo showing a MacArthur soldier "tenderly" feeding a two-year-old Korean war casualty. One of a sudden crop of such pictures, it's evidently due to the worldwide revulsion against the slaughter of civilians in Korea. But why doesn't the Mirror caption say whose bombs put the "burns" on that Korean tot's body?

**THE POST**, frantically eager to cover up the Big Fix stench coming from its political pals in

Washington, once again turns over its front page to the peanut basketball scandal. Readers are not going to learn the whole truth about the war profit loot and bribes if the Post can help it.

**THE WORLD-TELEGRAM** justifies the Supreme Court ruling in the Melish case because the clergyman's wife and son have been following the Communist part line by even obstructing Board of Education measures to protect school children as part of civilian defense. "Protecting" children to the Telly, means to get ready to kill their fathers in a useless war, while the kids get nightmares from drills to "defend" them from bombs that aren't dropping.

**THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN**, which evidently has its sources of information, says George Washington would oppose "World Government" were he alive today.

**THE NEWS's** Danton Walker items: "Psychiatrists experimenting with TV as a treatment for the mentally ill." Treatment?

**THE HERALD TRIBUNE's** Alsop boys say that the "Kremlin seriously intended" to invade Yugoslavia and Indo-China. The proof, of course, is that the "invasions" didn't take place. If that doesn't convince you, you're no loyal reader of the Alsops.

**THE COMPASS' I. F. Stone** having labored over a mountain of facts to demonstrate the MacArthur-State Department dishonesty in reporting Korean war events, produces his mouse: We may never answer "with assurance," he says, the question: "Was the Korean war Stalin's blunder or MacArthur's plan?" Mr. Stone is being modest. He knows the answer.—R.F.

## World of Labor

By  
George  
Morris

### How Eric Johnston Got His Start in Life

Eric Johnston, the Economic Stabilization Director, is the man whose announcement has been awaited by \$50-a-week textile workers and others. The announcement that was to show whether workers would be allowed to catch up a little on what they had lost before the wage freeze was hardened.

A reader from Spokane, Wash., suggests that the workers over whom Johnston was given such authority should know something more of him than the much publicized portrait of glamor boy of business that most people get. This reader has kindly offered some details to fill out the picture, and a recent issue of U. S. News & World Report, a voice of Big Business, in America is helpful.

Johnston is supposed to be the nearest thing in recent decades to an "office boy to president" character. Any textile worker, under our "free enterprise" system, could have presumably done as well as Johnston with just a little of Johnston's brilliance and initiative.



**BACK IN 1917**, Johnston was in the Marines and was assigned to China to guard our "American interests" in Peking. So far, many a woolen or packinghouse worker can probably pop up and say, "I was also in the Marines and I too served in China." But after that they part with Eric the Smart.

While in Peking, according to U. S. News and World Report, Johnston noticed there was a wild fluctuation in the relation between the American and Chinese dollar. He detected the "pattern" of the fluctuation, changed \$100 American into Chinese money and overnight ran his dough up to \$5,000. That was the money he took back to Spokane, Wash., and that, as my reader suggests, was "the primary accumulation" of the Eric Johnston enterprises.

This put Johnston definitely out of the class of people who weave cloth or pack meat.

We are happy to add that Eric Johnstons will never again get their start towards great fortunes at the expense of the Chinese people. That source for "primary" capital is definitely liquidated.

With his hard-earned \$5,000 in hand, Johnston and a partner bought an \$80,000 Spokane electrical firm with only \$5,000 down. It was paid out in six years, with the help of some sweated workers in then open-shop Spokane. Soon Johnston bought out his partner. With that firm as a base, he quickly spread to many enterprises.

To make the story short, as U. S. News and World Report says, he became operator of four businesses in Spokane, director of several banks, an electric utility, an insurance company and an airline. His company union profit-sharing policy helped him fool his workers and squeeze more out of them. He became a man of big business, director of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and for four years its president. As a little sideline today, he "earns" \$100,000 a year as czar of the Motion Picture Association.

**WE WILL NOT** burden the reader with Johnston's step-by-step conquests. The "primary" \$5,000, it seems, really keyed the onward march. But I must add what my informant learned from Spokane Negro workers. Johnston's operations do not employ a single Negro worker.

Ironically, when Johnston was rumored for the stabilization post he now holds, some labor leaders were set to welcome him as the "great American" needed to weld the interests of both labor and capital. But even they were soon forced to see him for what he is, a spokesman of big business.

A recent issue of the AFL's News Letter, for example, noted that Johnston, while holding his present post, was reelected to the Motion Picture Association job. The headline over the story reads "Johnston Reelected to Movie Job; More Big Biz Execs Fill U. S. Posts." The story below points out that when War Production Czar Charles E. Wilson offered to take a labor man for an assistant, he insisted that the man must resign his labor post. The story then lists a score of big corporation heads who now head the mobilization program.

The same issue of the AFL News Letter runs the headline "Mobilizers Hamstring, Hogtie and Stymie American Labor." And these labor leaders, who can't even wangle a glorified office boy job in the war mobilization machinery, have the gall to tell their members that labor is "partner" in Wall Street's war drive.

**COMING: The Women Say 'No' to the Warmakers . . . In the weekend Worker**



## The Freeze Is 'Official'

THE MUCH AWAITED DECISION of Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston on the wage formula turned out to be only an empty gesture and, as it now appears, an unsuccessful effort to break labor's boycott of the Wage Stabilization Board. The striking woolen workers, or the cotton and packinghouse workers who are preparing to strike, will find no relief in Johnston's letter to the WSB.

But Price Stabilizer Michael DiSalle's new price order issued on the same day is not an empty gesture. It is, as he himself admits, a real step that will bring price increases on many of the store items that the workers must pay for out of the already shrinking pay envelopes.

This is the up-with-prices, down-with-wages formula, of which this paper warned from the day "stabilization" talk began.

Had Eric Johnston the slightest intention of giving labor concessions, he would have used his authority to order them.

Johnston's only mandatory action was to order a 10 percent raise limit over wage levels of 14 months ago, to take effect 5:55 p.m. Tuesday. The rest of his letter are "suggestions" for "study" by the WSB.

Assuming that Johnston's suggestions were enacted by the WSB, they would allow escalator raises slightly above the 10 percent overall limit, if there should be such cases, until only June 30, 1951. Welfare plans would be allowed outside the 10 percent margin, within limits to be prescribed by the board. Some raises based on speedup incentives would also be permitted, provided the pay is in some deferred payment form, like bonds that cannot be cashed or spent.

It is clear that if textile, packing or other of the millions of workers whose wage demands are pending look to Washington for help they will get nothing. Any scheme, the WSB or Johnston formula, is only a blind to lure labor into a wage-freeze trap to get workers to submit to a process of impoverishment while the employers rake in fabulous war profits.

Only united action of all workers for no ball and chain on wages, but an effective price control, can be labor's stand in the present situation.

## Hoover's 4 Admissions

IN HERBERT HOOVER'S testimony against sending more troops to Europe, there are at least four important admissions, which the real defenders of our country's peace and welfare will find valuable.

Hoover admits that by sending four more divisions to Europe the Truman Administration would be bearing the responsibility for endangering peace.

Hoover admits that a war against the Soviet Union, as the Truman administration is now preparing it, would be a disaster for American troops.

Hoover admits that the peoples of western Europe don't want this war. That is true not only for the decisive sections of the working people led by the Communist parties, but for a much larger majority that can't be called Communist.

And, finally, Hoover admits that this country is not in danger.

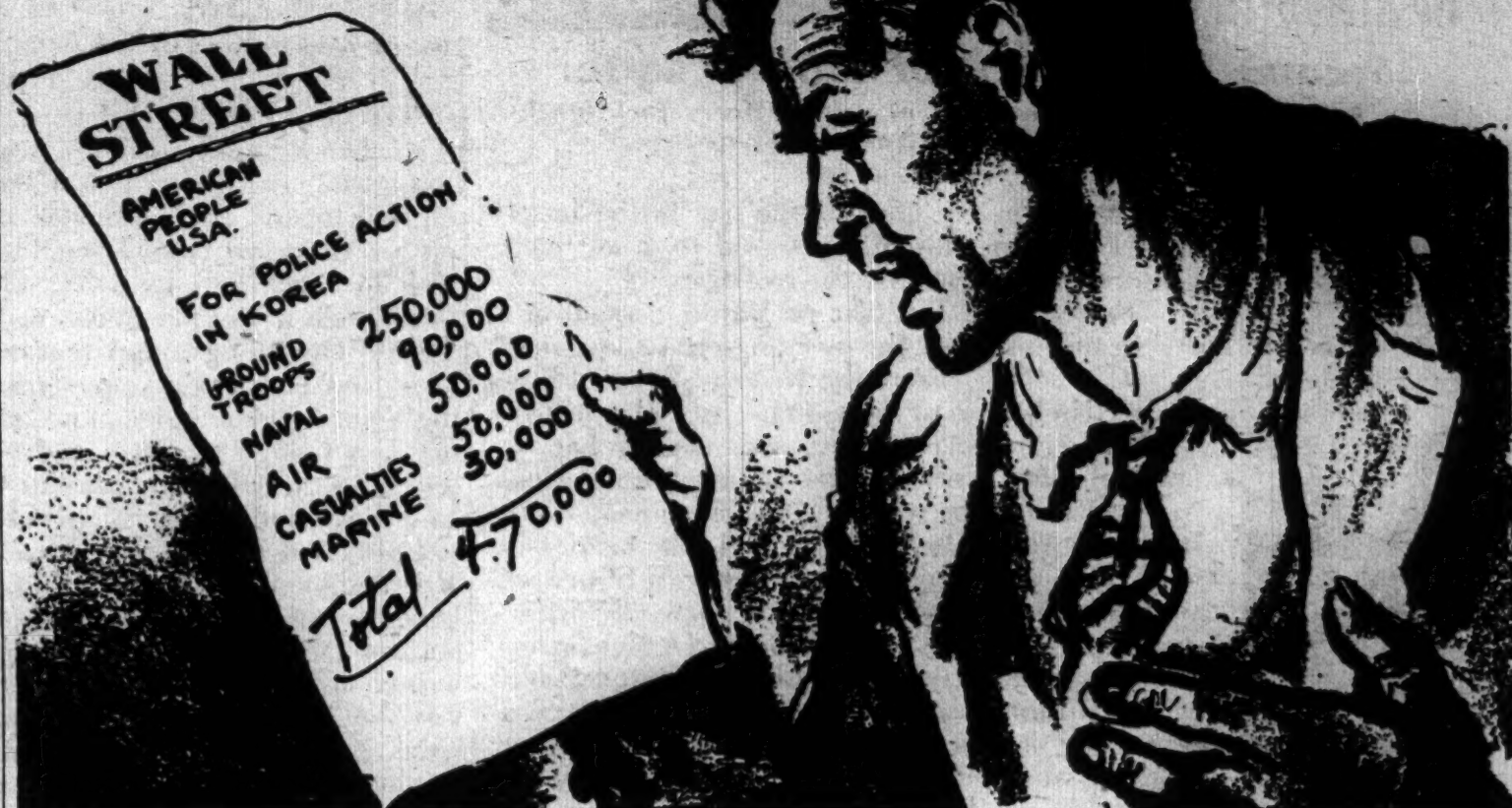
Of course, the former Republican President is in no sense a champion of peace. His differences with other leaders of his own party, and with the Truman Administration, are not the differences between those who want peace and those who want war. His objections to the Connally-Russell resolution giving a blank check for loading our sons and fathers on to a hostile continent are differences of tactics. What he wants is priority for preparing to "pulverize" the Soviet Union and all the peoples of Europe from the air. And that would be no less disastrous for us, and for all of Europe. For it can't win, any more than a land war. Hoover's proposals lead directly to a "compromise" that would destroy democratic rights, American living standards, and American cities, too, in a hopeless land and air adventure against three-quarters of the human race.

There is a real alternative to the Truman and the Hoover course. That is the policy of seeking agreement with the Soviet Union and the peoples of Europe. How plain it is from the innumerable Soviet proposals and from the demand of the world peace movement that our country can have security through a peaceful agreement of the Big Five!

Making the most of Hoover's admissions, the big task is to reach America's millions—as the American Peace Crusade and the National Peace Ballot are striving—with the message of saving the peace by negotiating it—now!

## THE BILL

—Ellis



## Whither Organized Labor?

By William Z. Foster

THE TOP LEADERS of the trade unions in this country, except, of course, those of the minority of progressive unions, are now giving all-out support to the Truman government's (which means Wall Street's) bi-partisan war policy. Without qualification, they are backing the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan, the North Atlantic pact, the Korean war, the rearming of Germany and Japan, and the incorporation of Franco Spain into the anti-Soviet alliance. Indeed, the Green, Murrays, Reuthers, Wolls, and their like stand in the front ranks of the warmongers. They are quite willing to use the atombomb against China, and they are also prepared for a "preventive" war against the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies of Europe and Asia.



WM. Z. FOSTER

By the same token, these trade union leaders are also supporting the government's reactionary domestic war policies. They have accepted without protest President Truman's outrageous proclamation of a so-called state of national emergency, which gave him almost dictatorial control over the country's diplomacy, over the movement of troops, and over the industrial system. They are eagerly backing, too, the government's tripling of the war budget which, together with the consequent huge increases in the Army, Navy and Air Forces, inevitably brings with it heavy reductions in the living standards and working conditions of the toilers.

They are likewise allowing to go uncontested, when they are not actually supporting them, the increasing attacks of the government upon the Negroes, the foreign-born, and all progressive forces, through such fascist-like laws and practices as the Taft-Hartley, Smith, and McCarran Acts, the "loyalty" tests, and the attempt to imprison the Communist leadership and to outlaw our Party.

WHAT IS THE meaning of all this? Is it idle to attempt to justify support of the intense militarization and the acceptance of a reactionary regime at home on the grounds that these sacrifices are necessary in order to defend the United States from an aggressive offensive on the part of the Soviet Union. The simple facts show quite a contrary situation.

While the Soviet armed forces are now no bigger than they were in 1939 and there is no arms race whatever in that country, armaments in the United States are at present many times larger than a decade ago and they are being feverishly increased. Especially is the United States government busily building military bases in many parts of Asia, Africa, and Europe, as well as in the Western Hemisphere—so as to be able to atombomb the USSR and its friendly neighbors from all sides when the occasion is deemed opportune.

The plain reality of the world situation is that despite all Wall Street propaganda to the contrary, the great capitalists of the United States, using the Truman government as their tool, are carrying on an aggressive diplomatic and military campaign to master the world. They are driven on to this reactionary folly by their realization that only through armed hostilities can they keep their war-swollen industries in operation by their ruthless imperialist impulses as the most powerful

capitalist nation, to grab everything in sight, as by their fear of the growing breakdown of world capitalism and the growth of world Socialism.

THIS IS the reactionary enterprise to which the big leaders of organized labor are now giving such unlimited support. And where is it all leading to?

If the imperialist warmongers, including the Murrays and Greens, could have their way, it would mean another world war, and one disastrous for the American people. For only a fool can believe that the United States could win such an aggressive war—in view of the great strength of the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies, of the obvious reluctance of the capitalist nations as allies of the United States, and of the widespread peace spirit among the world's masses, including those in this country.

But let us suppose, for the sake of illustration, that a miracle should happen and the United States should win the war that Wall Street is now preparing. What then?

In such an event, we could be certain that the ruthless monopoly capitalists of Wall Street, dominating the world with their atomic armaments, would set out to establish a fascist world, including a fascist United States. This would be the inevitable culmination of their present-day fascist tendencies. Today the capitalists, in their drive for world conquest, badly need the cooperation of the trade unions and are inclined to compromise with them on main questions, but once victorious over the Socialist and democratic world, the hard-bitten capitalists would proceed to smash the labor movement no less ruthlessly than Hitler did.

This, then, is the terrible perspective that the top leaders of labor are holding out before the workers and the American people by their present policy—a lost world war, or, in the impossible event of an anti-Soviet victory, a fascist world. Either way would bring disaster to the American working class and the nation.

It is high time, therefore, that the rank and file of organized labor should put a halt to the suicidal policy now being followed by the upper leadership. There is a sure way to avoid the horrible double perspective of a lost war or a fascist world, offered by the decisive union leaders. This is to arrive at a democratic peace with the Soviet Union.

Such a peace can and will be achieved if and when the masses of the American people insist that the government negotiate it. To balk the war orientation of the big capitalists and their lackey labor lieutenants is a tremendous task, but it can and must be accomplished.

## War Economy Garb—Fertilizer Bags

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 28.—What the well-dressed woman should wear is a fertilizer bag.

That solution to the problem of women who can't afford to buy clothes at current prices was offered here by the U. S. Agriculture Department's southern regional research laboratory. The lab workers performed the tests, but the original idea came from the Textile Bag Manufacturers Association, whose underpaid workers are preparing to strike for more pay.

A release issued by the Agriculture Department thoughtfully pointed out that farm women have long used feed and flour bags of colored and printed cotton to make dresses, children's clothes and curtains.





## A Better World by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

### Second Installment of Stachel Letter

(Below is the second installment of a letter from Jack Stachel, a member of the Communist Party's National Committee.)

Dear Elizabeth:

"The most important day in my life was the one in the far-off summer of 1909 when I met up with Marxism and took my place in the ranks of the international movement for socialism."

(Foster: The Twilight of World Capitalism.)

"A Marxist Party is the union of the working-class movement with Socialism."

(From the History of the CPSU.)

Foster's whole life is linked most intimately with the history and the struggles of the working-class movement. Foster has by his leadership written some of the most glorious pages in the history of the labor movement. The last 30 years of Foster's life and the history of our Party are inseparable. Every advance of our Party is associated with the name of Foster.

Foster's leadership has been decisive in establishing our Party's link with important sections of the working-class and the Negro people and in making it possible for our Party because it represents the "union" of the working-class movement with socialism to make major contributions to the labor and people's movement and especially in the struggle to organize the unorganized into trade unions, in the struggle for social insurance and for equal rights for the Negro people.

OUR PARTY, despite all attacks and obstacles, is today in the forefront of the struggle for peace and for the Bill of Rights and against the growing war danger and the menace of fascism because it is being led by Foster and his co-worker Eugene Dennis. The quality of Foster's leadership flows from his deep understanding of the essence of the Marxist Party as the "union" of the working-class movement with socialism.

Foster is the chairman and outstanding leader of our Party because in his whole life and development he is himself the embodiment of and the magnificent symbol of this "union of the working-class movement and socialism."

In the light of Foster's evaluation of the "most important" day of his life, it is clear why he always places so much emphasis on the need to bring forward and build the Party and the Marxist press. In this light we can see clearly the reason for his hammering away again and again that all Party members and all Party organizations must be active among the masses, help develop and participate in the struggles of the masses and never to forget the role of the Party in our work among the masses.

In all this it is clear that Foster the great leader of the labor movement who has organized and led some of the greatest struggles of the workers, Foster the Chairman and leader of the Communist Party never forgets that the "Marxist Party is the union of the working-class movement with socialism."

From this it is clear why our Party leadership headed by Foster and Dennis in the fight for the line of the Party carries on two fronts—against right opportunism and left sectarianism. To deviate in either direction is to endanger the "union" of the working-class movement and socialism.

THERE ARE SOME in our Party who believe that now is not the time to build the Party, to recruit to the Party and to win new readers for the Daily Worker and The Worker.

But a real understanding of the role of the Party is incompatible with such a view. It is precisely when the struggle becomes sharp, when the enemies of the workers are menacing world peace, abrogating the Bill of Rights, organizing new attacks on the Negro people, assaulting the living standards of the workers and their allies, that the working people need our Party more than ever. How else are they to find guidance and leadership against these attacks and especially in the face of the demagoguery and maneuverings of the monopolists, their government and their reformist hirelings of all brands?

Sure, there are new problems—political and organizational problems—that must be faced and solved—in our efforts to bring forward the Party, to recruit and win readers for the Marxist press, new problems growing out of the new attacks. But there is also an unprecedented desire among increasing sections of the working people for leadership.

What perspective would there be for our Party, for our class, for our country, if as a result of the inevitable sharpening of the struggle, because of increased difficulties, the role and activity of our Party would decline and the building of our Party and the circulation of the Daily Worker and The Worker would be postponed? Just to ask the question is to furnish the best answer against those who have doubts about the possibility to build the Party and its influence today.

Let us celebrate Foster's birthday by resolving to gain a greater understanding of the Marxist-Leninist theory of our movement; by mastering the policies and the tactical line of our Party; by greater efforts to bring our Party line to the masses in the fight for peace, democracy, equal rights for the Negro people now facing new lynch terror and the fight for working people's living standards now menaced by the war economy. Let us go over the top in the Daily Worker and The Worker circulation drive and plan systematic and sustained recruiting especially among our shopmates.

Let us all buy and study Foster's great work—"Outline Political History of the Americas."

JACK STACHEL.

I HAVE BEEN very happy to publish this very interesting and inspiring letter of my good friend and co-worker, Jack Stachel, who has been ill for a considerable period. This column extends to William Z. Foster all good wishes and warmest greetings on the occasion of his 70th birthday, and a long life and good health, to see the realization of all his goals and lifelong aspirations. Also to Jack Stachel all good wishes for a speedy recovery and return to active service. To these two grand fighters for human freedom—the hope of its realization.

ELIZABETH CURLEY FLYNN

# Attending a Concert Of Modern Soviet Music

By Joseph Clark

Daily Worker Moscow Correspondent

MOSCOW.

THOSE FOLKS who wrung their hands and wondered about the meaning of the criticism leveled here against several Soviet composers three years ago would do well to check and see what effect this criticism had on music in the USSR. One thing is apparent even to outspoken foreign opponents of the Soviet regime here, more good music is being composed and produced in the USSR than in all the countries of the west combined.

I attended a concert in the Hall of Columns of the House of Trade Unions recently and enjoyed the performance of three compositions written in the last few years. One was the 27th symphony of Myaskovsky, a contemporary of Rachmaninov, who died recently; another number was the "Heroic Ballade" for piano and orchestra by the 29-year-old Soviet Armenian composer Arno Babadjanian and the last was Prokofiev's oratorio "On Guard for Peace."

What struck me was that the music was so definitely modern, so clearly a product of a new world and at the same time so rich in melody so definitely in the tradition of the great composers of the past. Babadjanian played the piano and the ovation he got

from the audience moved him very deeply.

Prokofiev, one of the composers criticized three years ago, has been quite productive since that time and his work is more popular than ever. The oratorio, "On Guard for Peace" uses a symphony orchestra, a mixed adult chorus, a children's chorus, a male and female recitative, soprano and boy solo parts.

Shostakovich has won wide praise for music he has written since the criticism of 1948. His oratorio, "Song of the Forest" and his music for the film "Fall of Berlin" have been widely acclaimed. So have several compositions by Muradelli, whose work was the original target of criticism in the Communist Party Central Committee statement.

All in all, whatever else enemies of communism may have to say, they cannot help but grant that musical creation in the Soviet Union is on the ascendancy. Marxist criticism does not stifle the artist but on the contrary becomes a spur to the creation of more and better work. That's what folks here want, more and better music—operas, ballets, symphonies, chamber music, songs—and they're getting it.

I'VE BEEN singing "jingle

bells" all my life but my little boy finally got to ride in a one-horse open sleigh, or I should say, a one-horse open sleigh. The pony ride in the Moscow zoo during the winter months is sleigh ride with gaily painted blue, yellow, red, orange and purple sleighs, and tinkling bells suspended over the pony's wooden yoke.

The zoo itself is very attractive and huge crowds have been coming during the first two weeks in February. The weather has been unseasonable in Moscow—February is supposed to be about the coldest month and it has been relatively mild with blue sunny skies though the snow is still dry and packed hard in the parks.

Biggest attractions were the elephants, bears, and lions, especially a cage where there's a dog living with a lion; the two have been brought up together and get along fine.

Vendors were doing a rush business, as always, selling cracker sticks filled with whipped cream, "bubliki" or big doughnut shaped rolls, meat pies, bottled milk and of course ice cream.

The camera fans were out full force and Soviet-made roliflex and rolodex type cameras are seen all over.

## Melish Ruling Called 'Tragic'

Dr. Guy Emery Shieler, editor of The Churchman said yesterday that the Supreme Court's refusal to review the Melish case was the "greatest tragedy in the Protestant Episcopal Church since the breaking of the saintly Bishop Paul Jones of Utah before the First World War because of his stand on peace."

The Supreme Court's action brings to an end the attempt by the 76-year-old Rev. John Howard Melish, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity in Brooklyn, to reverse a New York State court decision to remove him from his church.

Dr. Melish was victimized by a small clique who have since been removed from the vestry. The clique had demanded that Rev. Melish remove his son, the Rev. William Howard Melish, because of his work in behalf of American-Soviet friendship.

The elder Melish declared the Court's refusal to review the case shows that "legalism and ecclesiasticism have triumphed."

"As a Christian," he declared, "I still resolutely affirm my duty to speak out for peace and goodwill among men."

## Frank Carlson

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born 30 years ago "out of the ranks of American working people, in the course of the struggles of American workers against their American bosses," and that "its first and last allegiance is to the best interests of the American people," Carlson said.

Throughout his statement and subsequent testimony he was watched across the counsel table by his American-born wife, Lill, mother of their two children, 7 and 2 years old.

Carlson, who will be 38 years old March 6, showed the effects of almost four months of imprisonment. He testified he had been rejected when he tried to volunteer for the Armed Forces after Pearl Harbor and was later classified at 4-F. Always of slight build, he appeared thinner, his face almost gaunt, but resolute and cheerful. Gray appeared in his blonde hair at the temples.

## CP Mourns Dorothy Jenkins; Funeral Rites Set for Saturday

The New York State Committee of the Communist Party yesterday expressed its "deepest sorrow" upon learning that Dorothy Jenkins, 33-year-old Negro woman Communist leader had died.

Funeral rites will be held Saturday, 11:30 a.m., in Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 201 Lenox Ave. (at 120th St.)

Following is the full Communist Party statement:

The death last Tuesday of Dorothy Jenkins has taken from our party, the working class and the Negro people a talented and devoted organizer, fighter and leader. The New York State Committee of the Communist Party expresses the deepest sorrow at the loss of one of our ablest and most devoted Negro women comrades. In her brief life-span of 33 years Comrade Jenkins, contributed greatly to the struggles of her class and her people.

In the CIO organizing drive during the 'thirties Comrade Jenkins, as a laundry worker, helped to organize her shopmates into the laundry workers union. Before that she had been a leader of the youth section of the Workers Alliance in

the fight for unemployed relief and jobs. Out of these experiences she became a Communist.

She brought with her an alertness and class loyalty which contributed immeasurably to the struggles led by our party. Daily she worked with the membership of her Harlem branch and section, in addition to her work in the shop and trade union.

Comrade Jenkins was recognized soon after she joined the Communist Party as an able political leader. In stepping up the circulation of the Daily and Sunday Worker, in doggedly following through every detail of every given task assigned, Comrade Jenkins won the love and respect of those with whom she worked.

In 1949 Comrade Jenkins left her job in a laundry to become the business manager of the Harlem Edition of The Worker. Her leadership in the drive for circulation and her personal warmth and efficiency in dealing with people, helped the editorial staff of the paper. It was while with the Harlem Edition that Comrade Jenkins' health began to fail. After a long rest, with her health apparently improved, she was chosen Section Organizer of the Seventh AD East Communist Party.

Comrade Jenkins was not to fulfill her new assignment, however. The illness, which she thought was waning, felled her anew in the early winter of 1950. An operation proved unsuccessful.

The State Committee of the Communist Party joins with the family of Comrade Jenkins in mourning her tragic loss. Comrade Jenkins had given most of her adult life to the fight for peace, equality and socialism. Her absence will be felt in the struggle for peace and for first class citizenship for the Negro people, to which she was so faithful.

We Communists, her comrades in arms, will mourn her best in strengthening the fight now against war which she hated and the oppression which she suffered—to speed the day when cancer is conquered by the people with the money now used for tools to bring tragedy to millions.

N. Y. STATE COMMITTEE

Communist Party.  
Robert Thompson, Chairman.  
Wm. Norman, Executive Sec'y



## Judge Rules Sam Hall a 'Vagrant' Crime As Southern Writer for Worker

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 28.—The conviction of Sam Hall, Jr., convicted of "vagrancy" under a state witchhunt law, was upheld on appeal yesterday and he was given a six months jail term and a \$100 fine. He is a southern correspondent for the New York Daily Worker.

"My arrest, conviction and sentencing was a political move to help whip up war hysteria," Hall said. "The upholding of this conviction today is a blow against the

fight for peace which the people so deeply desire."

Hall announced another appeal. Circuit Judge Newton Powell upheld Hall's conviction by a recorder's court last July, shortly after he was arrested in a roundup of "Communists" ordered by Police Commissioner Eugene (Bull) Connor.

Powell denied Hall an appeal, stating he is plainly guilty of a municipal charge that he was a vagrant because he did not have a "source of reputable income."

His appeal bond was set at \$300. "This case is unique," Powell said. "It is a question of whether or not he is guilty of vagrancy because of his admitted source of income."

Powell said he believed Hall to be guilty of "vagrancy" because he worked for the Daily Worker.

## U.S. Puts Korea Toll at 50,675

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The officially-announced American casualty toll in the Korean war reached 50,675 today.

The total, released by the Pentagon, was up 1,543 over a week ago. It included 8,612 dead.

The official breakdown of casualties showed 7,639 killed in action, 33,401 wounded and 9,635 missing.

Some of the wounded and missing were later reported dead, however, raising the death toll to 8,612, of which 7,017 were Army troops, 1,363 were Marines, 149 were airmen and 88 were Navy men.

TOKYO, Feb. 28.—The Seoul Radio said tonight that Chinese and Korean troops shot down 90 MacArthur planes and sank three naval vessels in fighting last week. Here is the report by the Korean radio:

MacArthur troops killed—9,800. MacArthur troops captured—17,400.

MacArthur troops voluntarily surrendered—433.

Troops "partly annihilated"—South Korean 3d, 5th, 7th and 9th Divisions and U. S. 7th Division.

Artillery pieces captured—274.

Other weapons and vehicles captured—40 tanks, 870 vehicles, 50 heavy machine guns, 70 light machine guns, and 1,240 small arms.

Naval vessels sunk—three.

Planes shot down—90.

## Georgia Sheriff Jails CIO Aides

DUBLIN, Ga., Feb. 28.—"I suspected Communism," Sheriff Carlos Gay said today in explaining why he arrested two CIO organizers speaking before 45 Negro lumber mill workers here.

Gay held C. H. Gillman, Georgia director of the CIO Organizing Committee, and Clyde Brock incommunicado for 22 hours after breaking into the CIO meeting hall and driving the 45 lumber workers away.

"The first thing that came to my mind was that they might be Communists," Gay said. "I didn't know who they were or what they were doing. I suspected Communism and I arrested them and put them in jail until I could find out."

Gay refused to examine the credentials of the two CIO organizers and denied them opportunities to call a lawyer or phone relatives. They were finally released on writs of habeas corpus obtained by CIO Attorney Robert S. Cahoon.

### In Memoriam

Beloved Comrade

FRANCES

ROSENBLATT

Born March 1, 1916

Died August 22, 1946

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also said mobsters are using illegal funds to set up legitimate business—where they still resort to murder and violence to attain their ends.

In an interim report on its 10-month investigation of nationwide crime, the committee said the Mafia is the connecting link between the major syndicates. It also reported the existence of a "phantom" underworld government which "carries out its own executions."

The committee tentatively recommended establishment of a national crime commission to wage war on the underworld; federal bans on interstate transmission of bets and gambling information; strengthening of federal law enforcement agencies and improvements in federal tax laws.

As it stands now, the committee said, "gangsters, mobsters and gamblers are literally 'getting away with murder.'"

It estimated that \$20,000,000,000 a year changes hands in illegal gambling with bookmakers alone taking profits of from \$3,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000. The take on illegal slot machines was estimated at \$540,000,000 a year.

The committee also said contributions from "known gamblers" went into the 1948 election campaigns of Gov. Fuller Warren of Florida and Gov. Forest Smith of Missouri.

The committee devoted 10 pages of its 35-page report to a history of the Continental Press Service, which, it said, is controlled by the Capone syndicate. It said the racing news wire has a "stranglehold" on the nation's bookmakers. As for the profits to be derived from gambling, the committee said:

"Some idea of what the returns from a gambling casino may be when it is operated in a legalized setting is had from the testimony of Clifford Jones, Lieutenant Governor of Nevada, who testified that his 1 percent interest in the Golden Nugget at Las Vegas netted him \$12,000 a year."

HACKENSACK, N. J., Feb. 28.—A Bergen County grand jury today indicted Frank Erickson as kingpin of a \$25,000,000-a-year telephone betting ring in New York and New Jersey.

The indictment contained an unspecified number of counts charging Erickson with bookmaking. He now is serving a two-year bookmaking sentence in New York.

Deputy Attorney General Nelson Stamler said Erickson maintained New Jersey headquarters at the Home Movie Exchange in Cliffside Park.

## Musmanno

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revolution." Trial Judge Henry X. O'Brien, who has given Musmanno extraordinary privileges as a witness finally had to put up his hand to stop. O'Brien did this three times without avail. He finally had Musmanno's remark expunged from the record.

Musmanno started several other red-baiting speeches as McTernan asked him to whether he had read Lincoln's address in Congress in 1848 on the American right of revolution, and Jefferson's letter of 1787 on the same right. But McTernan reminded the trial judge that he had ruled that Musmanno must answer the questions. And the speeches were stricken from the record.

In the course of the next hour the State's "expert" admitted he had failed to read many Marxist works that were on the prosecutor's list of books seized in the raid on Communist Party headquarters.

He had earlier boasted that he had read every one of some 250 Marxist books, pamphlets, etc., that were taken in the raids. That included the 12 volumes of Lenin's Selected Works. Today he admitted that he had read only two of these volumes. And it is pretty obvious that he hadn't read much of those two.

## TEXTILE STRIKERS REJECT AMERICAN WOOLEN OFFER

Close on the heels of Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston's approval of Regulation 6, the 10 percent wage freeze order, the American Woolen Co. yesterday wired the CIO Textile Workers Union of America an offer to settle on the basis of the "extent permitted by the regulation." The regulation approved by Johnston limits raises to 10 percent of the level of 14 months ago.

American Woolen's latest proposal, a spokesman of the TWA noted, would presumably mean even less than the 5 cent raise offered earlier by the company, because the 12-cent hourly raise for woolen workers last October amounted to about 9 percent.

American Woolen, negotiating for its 20 plants employing 20,000 workers, is the pattern-setter for the 160 mills with 70,000 workers shut down by the strike for the past two weeks.

Francis W. White, the company's president, proposed immediate resumption of operations on the basis of an extension of the present contract for another year, the increases allowable, and a right to reopen the contract on 30 days notice if and when Regulation 6 is amended to allow higher raises. On its part, the company offered

to withdraw its demand for a sweeping speedup clause in the contract and severance pay for those displaced by machinery.

Replying to the company, Emil Rieve, president of the TWUA, wired, "Telegraphic offers are unsatisfactory." He took issue with White's "interpretation" of Regulation 6, holding that it is possible to negotiate "severance pay, pensions, other provisions and fringe benefits and the wage demands made," and submit the agreed-upon terms for approval to the WSB.

Rieve holds that the company should bargain without regard to the WSB regulations and that the union "will take its chances" on obtaining approval.

As the Daily Worker went to press, the exchange of wires continued.

The TWUA is demanding a raise of 15 cents an hour; pensions and insurance; annual "productivity" raises; cost-of-living escalators and other improvements.

Another large textile plant, a jute mill of 1,800 workers, was drawn into the textile strike picture today, when the Ludlow Manufacturing Co. of Ludlow, Mass., was shut by a walkout. The company's contract ran out without an agreement.

## Pennsylvania Gets Anti-Union 'Industrial Sabotage' Law

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28.—Both Republicans and Democrats in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives joined forces on Tuesday to pass unanimously a bill providing the death penalty for a so-called "industrial sabotage" involving loss of life. In cases not involving loss of life the maximum penalty is \$10,000 fine and 30 years in jail.

This bill, aimed at destroying

the powerful trade union movement, is now before the State Senate. All citizens have been urged to bombard their State Senators with protest wires and letters demanding the bill be killed. The bill is one of a number of so-called "civil defense" measures introduced in the early days of the present legislative session. They include a "little" McCarron Act and loyalty oath for all state employees, including public school teachers.

## Wage Board

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of the AFL Railway Clerks, an assistant to Johnston, and a member of the United Labor Policy Committee, said he "very vigorously disapproved" the formula.

It was also indicated that among other proposals before the United labor body was one to pull union representatives from all war mobilization bodies.

Spokesmen of the committee

had said a number of times since they pulled of the WSB that they want a "package" settlement of all of their grievances, including their complaint of inadequate representation in the war mobilization machinery, shift of manpower authority from the Labor Department into the dictatorial hands of War Production Czar Charles E. Wilson and the ineffective price and rent control.

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# Reminiscences of Bill Foster

## Helped Fight on Misleaders

By Louis Weinstock

I joined the Trade Union Educational League in 1925, and I count myself among those privileged comrades who had the occasion to work with Foster and learn from him.

Nothing impressed me more than Foster's book written in 1927, "Misleaders of Labor." As a member of the Painters Union in New York City, this book meant more to me than just a book. We were engaged in a life and death struggle against the corrupt Zausner gang, a gang that worked openly with the underworld, Lepke and Currah, little Augie Diamond and the famous Brooklyn mobsters. These gangsters terrorized and intimidated the rank and file in many of the AFL unions, whose corrupted leaders used the underworld to maintain them in power.

In 1930, during the depression, Comrade Foster was an inspiration and gave tremendous help in organizing the AFL Committee for Unemployment Insurance. His experience from the Amalgamation movement gave us the confidence to move a great section of the AFL membership in the fight for Unemployment Insurance. The same stubborn opposition was displayed by the AFL bureaucrats that they displayed during the Amalgamation movement. The AFL bureaucracy was opposed to unemployment insurance. They expelled hundreds of thousands of unem-

We present, on the occasion of William Z. Foster's 70th birthday, reminiscences by those who worked with him.

ployed members for non-payment of dues.

### FAITH JUSTIFIED

Comrade Foster, who never failed to emphasize the importance of progressives working in reformist unions, was justified in his faith in the AFL rank and file.

In a short time thousands of local unions, central bodies and many state Federations of Labor joined the rank and file movement demanding that the AFL bureaucracy change its position. Finally in 1933 this mass movement within the AFL forced William Green and Co. to make a somersault and come out openly in support of an Unemployment and Social Insurance law for the American workers.

Foster's writings are considered textbooks by Marxists all over the world. His book on American Trade Unionism is one of the best we have. His latest contribution, "Outline Political History of the Americas," opens new vistas and will serve as a guide in the coming struggle against American Imperialism and in the liberation movement of the Colonial and semi-Colonial peoples.

### A Builder Of the Party

By Pat Toohey

It is my unforgettable experience that it was William Z. Foster who gave me my first basic understanding of the program and aims of the Commu-

nist Party, and its historic mission in society.

Foster is widely known as an incomparable trade union leader, but those who work with him come soon to realize that he is, in the first place, a master exponent, teacher and builder of the Communist Party, more than any other Party leader I have ever known.

From 1922-24, the Communist miners were deep in strikes and left wing union activities. Our loyalty to the Party was superficial because trade union affairs were our bread and meat. We were saturated with the idea that the union was the chief instrument to attain economic aims and everything else. We were short-tempered to "waste time" with discussions about the Party.

Like martyrs we would sit through meetings waiting for the "real stuff" to come up; internal union matters, elections, eco-

nomie problems. We had pretty much the attitude of a person going to a movie but forced to see a "B" picture before the main film. In terms of clarity we were dead enders.

### A PATIENT TEACHER

Magnanimously we would forgive Bill Foster for his strange habit of always speaking about the Party and pressing us to build it, and repeating that where the Party lives and works the workers are strong, and where the Party is weak or does not exist the workers are weak and leaderless. Patiently and relentlessly he taught that the "B" feature we were so contemptuous about was really the core of everything.

Foster knew the men (and boys) with whom he was dealing. He read them as militant and rebellious workers, vaguely class conscious but bereft of a clear and conscious base to their

activity, thinking and understanding. He knew that if any of them hoped ever to successfully lead workers, they would first have to understand the role and meaning of the Party. And he never gave up. He taught, explained and illustrated in calm and patient fashion month after month.

We shall always remember a blizzard night in January, 1924. It was a day of grief and sadness for it was the day the great Lenin died. The Communist miners who were delegates to the International UMYA convention in Indianapolis were in a memorial meeting and listening to Bill Foster.

Even today, many of us remember his speech word for word. His recital of the life and work of Lenin and the meaning of Lenin's program and Party became to us an enduring understanding of the class struggle, the Party as the general staff of the working class, the inevitability of the world victory of socialism, and the relationship of the Party to our day-to-day battles, as well as the significance of the great world movement of which we were a part. And out of our own experience came the undeniable truth: that to the workers in their struggle for a better life the Party is what water is to a thirsting man.

The miners left this convention to engage in struggles lasting 10 long, bleak and bitter years before their union was rebuilt. Ever among them and at their side were the Communist miners, infused with clarity, understanding and courage by their comrade and leader, Bill Foster. And today, with their union big and strong, miners from Glace Bay to Cabin Creek and from Pittsburgh's "Black Valley" to the Utah Canyons owe a great debt of gratitude to him whom we warmly greet on this 70th birthday.

More of them to you, Bill!

## STEEL WORKERS HAIL FOSTER'S BIRTHDAY

Messages continued to pour in yesterday to honor William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, on his 70th birthday anniversary.

A "group of Western Pennsylvania steel workers" wired their "pledge to intensify the fight for peace as a birthday gift."

The Communist Party of the New England, in its tribute to Foster, asserted that "long after the petty tyrants of today have been forgotten your name will be honored and cherished by millions of Americans who will come to appreciate your historic role in preparing the working class and its most powerful ally, the Negro people, to lead the way to socialism."

Participants in a testimonial banquet to Foster, held in Milwaukee, and including residents of that city and other Wisconsin communities, wired him their "warmest love and respect" for the "best son of the workingclass." Present were a veteran of Milwaukee's first May Day in 1886; a founder of the Marxist Finnish-American press; three victims of the deportation drive and leaders of the Negro and Indian peoples of Wisconsin.

The Southern Region Labor Youth League sent "warmest greetings and best wishes to labor's foremost son."

Among other messages were those from the Wisconsin State Committee Communist Party; Florida State Board, Communist Party; Communist Party of Onandaga County; Los Angeles County Committee, Communist Party, a neighborhood group of the Communist Party, Sacramento, Cal.; 150 St. Louisians at a dinner meeting.

Also from Bob Stewart, member of the Executive Committee of the British Communist Party, and Stanley Ryerson, a leader of the Canadian Labor-Progressive Party.

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WJZ-Breakfast Club  
WCBS-This Is New York  
WNYC-Masterwork Hour.  
WQXR-News; Music  
9:15-WOR-Allyn Edwards  
9:30-WOR-Food-Alfred W. McCann  
WNEB-Andre Baruch Show  
WQXR-Plane Personalities  
9:45-WCBS-Tommy Riggs and Betty Lou  
WQXR-Composers' Varieties  
10:00-WNBC-Welcome Travelers  
WOR-Henry Gladstone  
WJZ-My True Story  
WCBS-Arthur Godfrey Time  
WQXR-Morning Melodies  
10:15-WOR-Martha Deane  
10:30-WNBC-Double or Nothing  
WJZ-Betty Crocker  
10:45-WJZ-Victor H. Lindfahl  
11:00-WNBC-Break the Bank  
WOR-News  
WJZ-Modern Romances  
WQXR-News; Concert  
11:15-WOR-Tello-Test  
WJZ-David Amity  
11:30-WNBC-Jack Berch  
WOR-Queen for a Day  
WJZ-Modern Romances  
WCBS-Grand Slam, Quiz  
11:45-WNBC-David Garroway  
WCBS-Rosemary  
WQXR-Luncheon Concert

### AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC-News; Skitch's Scrapbook  
WOR-Kate Smith Speaks  
WJZ-Johnny Olson Show  
WNYC-Midday Symphony  
WCBS-Wendy Warren, Sketch  
WQXR-News Luncheon Concert  
12:15-WOR-Kate Smith Sings  
WCBS-Aunt Jenny  
WJZ-Sweeney and March  
12:25-WJZ-News  
12:30-WOR-News; Luncheon at Sakis  
WCBS-Heien Trent  
WJZ-News, Herb Sheldon  
WNBC-Mrs. Roosevelt  
12:45-WCBS-Our Gal Sunday  
1:00-WJZ-Mary Margaret McBride  
WCBS-Big Sister  
WNYC-American Music Festival  
WQXR-News; Midday Symphony  
1:15-WCBS-Ma Perkins  
WNBC-Pickens Party  
1:30-WCBS-Young Dr. Malone  
WNBC-Answer Man  
WOR-Hollywood Theatre  
1:45-WCBS-The Guiding Light  
WNBC-We Love and Learn  
2:00-WNBC-Double or Nothing  
WNYC-Chamber Music  
WJZ-Rod Headrickson  
WOR-Gloria Swanson  
WCBS-Second Mrs. Burton  
WQXR-Record Review  
2:15-WCBS-Perry Mason  
2:30-WNBC-Live Like a Millionaire  
WOR-Rudy Vallee Show  
WCBS-Nora Drake  
WJZ-News  
WQXR-Alma Dettinger  
2:45-WCBS-The Brighter Day  
WJZ-Frances Souly  
3:00-WNBC-Life Can Be Beautiful  
WJZ-Welcome to Hollywood  
WCBS-Hilton Rogers Show  
WQXR-News, Symphonic Matinee  
3:15-WNBC-Road of Life  
WCBS-Winner Take All  
3:30-WNBC-Pepper Young  
WOR-Jean Seaton Show  
WCBS-House Party

WJZ-Hannibal Cobb  
3:45-WNBC-Right to Happiness  
WJZ-Happy Felton  
4:00-WNBC-Backstage Wife  
WOR-Barbara Welles  
WJZ-Nancy Craig  
WCBS-Strike It Rich, Quiz  
WNYC-Music of the Theatre  
WQXR-News; Music  
4:30-WNBC-Lorenzo Jones  
WJZ-Patt Barnes  
WCBS-Missus Goes a-Shopping  
WOR-Dean Cameron Show  
5:00-WJZ-Big Jon and Sparty  
WNBC-When a Girl Marries  
WCBS-Galen Drake  
WOR-Straight Arrow, Sketch  
WQXR-Keyboard Artists  
5:15-WNBC-Portia Faces Life  
5:30-WOR-Sky King  
WJZ-Superman  
WNBC-Just Plain Bill  
WCBS-Hits and Misses  
5:45-WNBC-Front Page Farrell  
WQXR-Cocktail Time

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## Georgia Sheriff Un-Americans Crime

DUBLIN, Ga., Feb. 28. — "I suspected Communism," Sheriff Carlos Gay said today in explaining why he arrested two CIO organizers speaking before 45 Negro lumber mill workers here.

Gay held C. H. Gillman, Georgia director of the CIO Organizing Committee, and Clyde Brock incommunicado for 22 hours after breaking into the CIO meeting hall and driving the 45 lumber workers away.

"The first thing that came to my mind was that they might be Communists," Gay said. "I didn't know who they were or what they were doing."

Gay refused to examine the credentials of the two CIO organizers and denied them opportunities to call a lawyer or phone relatives. They were finally released on writs of habeas corpus obtained by CIO Attorney Robert S. Cahoon.

## Labor Chiefs

(Continued from Page 3) escapable conclusion" that they were invited to join the program "merely for the purpose of window dressing."

The statement said union officers are submitting their resignation from the following agencies:

Labor advisory committee to Wilson's Office of Defense Mobilization, advisory committee to Johnston's Economic Stabilization Agency, labor-management advisory committee to the Labor Department's Office of Defense Manpower, and advisory committee to the Defense Production Administration and Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer.

In addition, resignations will be submitted by president George M. Harrison, of the AFL Railway Clerks, as special assistant to Johnston; president Al Hayes of the AFL Machinists, as special assistant to assistant defense secretary Anna M. Rosenberg, and Joseph D. Keenan, of the AFL, and Ted Silvey, of the CIO, consultants to Defense Production Administrator William H. Harrison.

The three labor members of the Wage Stabilization Board already have submitted their formal resignation to President Truman. He has not yet acted on them.

The statement was issued after the Labor Policy Committee had refused to send labor members back to the wage board, and had denounced the 10 percent wage formula issued by Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston.

Johnston asked the board to "study" possibilities of permitting escalator "increases somewhat" beyond the allowable 10 percent limit if there are such cases by June 30, 1951; also the possibility of some limited welfare and insurance plans that would not be counted in the 10 percent.

## DR. STRAUS NAMED NEW HEAD OF SPANISH REFUGEE GROUP

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee yesterday announced the election of Dr. Mark Straus as chairman to assume the vacancy left by the resignation of Dr. Edward K. Barsky, for more than 10 years a leader of the anti-Franco relief organization. Dr. Straus is

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stances which could lead to self-incrimination."

Chairman John S. Wood (D-Ga.) attempted to maneuver answers out of Harris by demanding to know why he thought they might incriminate him.

"It does seem to me," Harris replied gravely, "that associations and opinions which are involved in these questions open the way for incrimination. People have been convicted in the United States for opinions and associations entirely, something I thought would never happen in America."

Tavener expressed great interest in a trip Harris made to the Soviet Union in 1929.

"Who paid for that trip?" he demanded.

Harris said he paid his passage out of his own funds.

"What was the purpose of your trip?"

"I wanted to study and work in Soviet agriculture," Harris said. He related how he worked in the USSR for a year and a half, at first on a state farm and later in factories making farm machinery. His starting wage, he said, was 90 roubles a month.

Committee members leaped upon this as a sign of the "slavery" of Soviet workers.

"Well, I thought I was very rich," Harris replied with a smile, "because all the necessities were very cheap. For instance, my rent was only four rubles a month."

The committee dropped the subject.

The committee sought unsuccessfully to link Harris with two philanthropic funds set up to aid progressive and humanitarian causes, the Garland fund and the Marshall fund. Harris said he was aware that the Farmers Union received some aid from the Marshall fund but that he had had nothing to do with it.

Wood brought up the name of Aubrey Williams, former New Dealer and Farmers Union official, now publisher of a commercial farm monthly in Alabama. This line of questioning got nowhere except to reveal that Wood had confused the Marshall Field fund with the Marshall fund.

Wood and other committee members were guilty of misconduct specifically attacked by Justice Hugo Black in his dissent yesterday in the Rogers case. That is, they attempted to mislead Harris into answering questions by arguing that such answers could not be incriminating.

At one point Wood said, "If you were to answer yes, that might be incriminating, but a No answer would not incriminate you, would it?"

Harris calmly sidestepped the clumsy efforts of the committee.

At last Wood recessed the session and instructed Harris and his counsel, David Freedman, to appear March 9 at 10 o'clock.

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also said mobsters are using illegal funds to set up legitimate business —where they still resort to murder and violence to attain their ends.

In an interim report on its 10-month investigation of nationwide crime, the committee said the Mafia is the connecting link between the major syndicates. It also reported the existence of a "phantom" underworld government which "carries out its own executions."

The committee tentatively recommended establishment of a national crime commission to wage war on the underworld; federal bans on interstate transmission of bets and gambling information; strengthening of federal law enforcement agencies and improvements in federal tax laws.

As it stands now, the committee said, "gangsters, mobsters and gamblers are literally 'getting away with murder.'"

It estimated that \$20,000,000,000 a year changes hands in illegal gambling with bookmakers alone taking profits of from \$3,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000. The take on illegal slot machines was estimated at \$540,000,000 a year.

The committee also said contributions from "known gamblers" went into the 1948 election campaigns of Gov. Fuller Warren of Florida and Gov. Forest Smith of Missouri.

The committee devoted 10 pages of its 35-page report to a history of the Continental Press Service, which, it said, is controlled by the Capone syndicate. It said the racing news wire has a "stranglehold" on the nation's bookmakers. As for the profits to be derived from gambling, the committee said:

"Some idea of what the returns from a gambling casino may be when it is operated in a legalized setting is had from the testimony of Clifford Jones, Lieutenant Governor of Nevada, who testified that his 1 percent interest in the Golden Nugget at Las Vegas netted him \$12,000 a year."

HACKENSACK, N. J., Feb. 28. —A Bergen County grand jury today indicted Frank Erickson as kingpin of a \$25,000,000-a-year telephone betting ring in New York and New Jersey.

The indictment contained an unspecified number of counts charging Erickson with bookmaking. He now is serving a two-year bookmaking sentence in New York.

Deputy Attorney General Nelson Stamler said Erickson maintained New Jersey headquarters at the Home Movie Exchange in Cliffside Park.

## Musmanno

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revolution." Trial Judge Henry X. O'Brien, who has given Musmanno extraordinary privileges as a witness finally had to put up his hand to stop. O'Brien did this three times without avail. He finally had Musmanno's remark expunged from the record.

Musmanno started several other red-baiting speeches as McTernan asked him to whether he had read Lincoln's address in Congress in 1848 on the American right of revolution, and Jefferson's letter of 1787 on the same right. But McTernan reminded the trial judge that he had ruled that Musmanno must answer the questions. And the speeches were stricken from the record.

In the course of the next hour the State's "expert" admitted he had failed to read many Marxist works that were on the prosecutor's list of books seized in the raid on Communist Party headquarters.

He had earlier boasted that he had read every one of some 250 Marxist books, pamphlets, etc., that were taken in the raids. That included the 12 volumes of Lenin's Selected Works. Today he admitted that he had read only two of these volumes. And it is pretty obvious that he hadn't read much of those two.

## CLEVELAND UAW COUNCIL JOINS FIGHT TO SAVE McGEE

CLEVELAND, Feb. 28.—Full support to the fight to free Willie McGee has been voted by the Cleveland District CIO United Auto Workers Council. The council sent messages to President Truman and the Governor of Mississippi urging that McGee's life be spared. A communication was also addressed to the Cleveland Industrial Union Council urging that body to join the campaign and call on all CIO locals in Cleveland to support it.

The action was taken following a report by Council President Charles K. Beckman, who had taken part in the pilgrimage to Richmond, Va., on behalf of the Martinsville martyrs as a delegate from Fisher Body Local 45.

## COURT AGREES TO ASK FBI FOR CVETIC REPORT ON IWO

Raphael Weissmann, counsel for the International Workers Order, yesterday won from Supreme Court Justice Henry Clay Greenberg an agreement to request FBI reports allegedly filed by spy Matthew Cvetic in connection with the IWO. If the FBI now turns down the request, Weissmann said, he will move to strike out Cvetic's complete testimony.

Justice Greenberg yesterday permitted Cvetic to return to Pittsburgh to testify at the "seditious" trial there.

Cross-examination by Weissmann and Milton H. Freedman, attorney for the IWO Policyholders Protective Committee showed that Cvetic's alleged recollection of

supposed connections between the IWO and the Communist Party first developed when he began getting paid for appearances against the IWO—last July—at the deportation hearing of Andrew Dmytryshyn.

Reading from the record of a trial in Pittsburgh where Cvetic had helped to drive an unemployed woman from the relief rolls, Freedman revealed that Cvetic had not mentioned the IWO in connection with alleged Communist organizational set-ups.

The trial continues next Tuesday in Room 232, County Court Building, Foley Square, with cross-examination of FBI stoolie Louis Budenz.

## DUPONT TOPS PROFIT RECORD

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 28 (FP).—Profits of the E. I. duPont de Nemour & Co. munitions empire in 1950 were the biggest in its history.

The company reported its net profits last year were equal to \$6.59 a share compared with \$4.51 in 1949. Income from chemical operations accounted for \$4.09 a share while dividends received from duPont's huge investment in General Motors were equal to \$2.50 a share. GM profits last year are estimated to have hit a record-breaking billion dollars.

DuPont sales last year were over \$1,250,000,000, in contrast to one billion dollars in 1949 and \$611 million in 1945. Increased business has come as the result of a major plant expansion program undertaken to meet the government's stepped up demand for war material.

## McGee

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Judge Collins announced he would hear argument today on whether he would grant a hearing or deny the writ.

The CRC called for telegrams to Judge Collins to be sent today urging he grant a hearing, in addition to continuing the wires and resolu-

tions to President Truman urging him to use his powers under the Civil Rights Act to save McGee.

Throughout New York thousands of eye-stopping posters calling for action to save McGee were being put up in working class neighborhoods.

Text of the posters announces they were issued by the ALP as a public service.

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### In Memoriam

Beloved Comrade

FRANCES

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Born March 1, 1916

Died August 22, 1946



# Reminiscences of Bill Foster

## Helped Fight on Misleaders

By Louis Weinstock

I joined the Trade Union Educational League in 1925, and I count myself among those privileged comrades who had the occasion to work with Foster and learn from him.

Nothing impressed me more than Foster's book written in 1927, "Misleaders of Labor." As a member of the Painters Union in New York City, this book meant more to me than just a book. We were engaged in a life and death struggle against the corrupt Zausner gang, a gang that worked openly with the underworld, Lepke and Currah, little Augie Diamond and the famous Brooklyn mobsters. These gangsters terrorized and intimidated the rank and file in many of the AFL unions, whose corrupted leaders used the underworld to maintain them in power.

In 1930, during the depression, Comrade Foster was an inspiration and gave tremendous help in organizing the AFL Committee for Unemployment Insurance. His experience from the Amalgamation movement gave us the confidence to move a great section of the AFL membership in the fight for Unemployment Insurance. The same stubborn opposition was displayed by the AFL bureaucrats that they displayed during the Amalgamation movement. The AFL bureaucracy was opposed to unemployment insurance. They expelled hundreds of thousands of unem-

*We present, on the occasion of William Z. Foster's 70th birthday, reminiscences by those who worked with him.*

ployed members for non-payment of dues.

### FAITH JUSTIFIED

Comrade Foster, who never failed to emphasize the importance of progressives working in reformist unions, was justified in his faith in the AFL rank and file.

In a short time thousands of local unions, central bodies and many state Federations of Labor joined the rank and file movement demanding that the AFL bureaucracy change its position. Finally in 1933 this mass movement within the AFL forced William Green and Co. to make a somersault and come out openly in support of an Unemployment and Social Insurance law for the American workers.

Foster's writings are considered textbooks by Marxists all over the world. His book on American Trade Unionism is one of the best we have. His latest contribution, "Outline Political History of the Americas," opens new vistas and will serve as a guide in the coming struggle against American Imperialism and in the liberation movement of the Colonial and semi-Colonial peoples.

## A Builder Of the Party

By Pat Toohey

It is my unforgettable experience that it was William Z. Foster who gave me my first basic understanding of the program and aims of the Commu-

nist Party, and its historic mission in society.

Foster is widely known as an incomparable trade union leader, but those who work with him come soon to realize that he is, in the first place, a master exponent, teacher and builder of the Communist Party, more than any other Party leader I have ever known.

From 1922-24, the Communist miners were deep in strikes and left wing union activities. Our loyalty to the Party was superficial because trade union affairs were our bread and meat. We were saturated with the idea that the union was the chief instrument to attain economic aims and everything else. We were short-tempered to "waste time" with discussions about the Party.

Like martyrs we would sit through meetings waiting for the "real stuff" to come up; internal union matters, elections, eco-

nomic problems. We had pretty much the attitude of a person going to a movie but forced to see a "B" picture before the main film. In terms of clarity we were dead enders.

### A PATIENT TEACHER

Magnanimously we would forgive Bill Foster for his strange habit of always speaking about the Party and pressing us to build it, and repeating that where the Party lives and works the workers are strong, and where the Party is weak or does not exist the workers are weak and leaderless. Patiently and relentlessly he taught that the "B" feature we were so contemptuous about was really the core of everything.

Foster knew the men (and boys) with whom he was dealing. He read them as militant and rebellious workers, vaguely class conscious but bereft of a clear and conscious base to their

activity, thinking and understanding. He knew that if any of them hoped ever to successfully lead workers, they would first have to understand the role and meaning of the Party. And he never gave up. He taught, explained and illustrated in calm and patient fashion month after month.

We shall always remember a blizzard night in January, 1924. It was a day of grief and sadness for it was the day the great Lenin died. The Communist miners who were delegates to the International UMYA convention in Indianapolis were in a memorial meeting and listening to Bill Foster.

Even today, many of us remember his speech word for word. His recital of the life and work of Lenin and the meaning of Lenin's program and Party became to us an enduring understanding of the class struggle, the Party as the general staff of the working class, the inevitability of the world victory of socialism, and the relationship of the Party to our day-to-day battles, as well as the significance of the great world movement of which we were a part. And out of our own experience came the undeniable truth: that to the workers in their struggle for a better life the Party is what water is to a thirsting man.

The miners left this convention to engage in struggles lasting 10 long, bleak and bitter years before their union was rebuilt. Ever among them and at their side were the Communist miners, infused with clarity, understanding and courage by their comrade and leader, Bill Foster. And today, with their union big and strong, miners from Glace Bay to Cabin Creek and from Pittsburgh's "Black Valley" to the Utah Canyons owe a great debt of gratitude to him whom we warmly greet on this 70th birthday.

More of them to you, Bill!

## STEEL WORKERS HAIL FOSTER'S BIRTHDAY

Messages continued to pour in yesterday to honor William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, on his 70th birthday anniversary.

A "group of Western Pennsylvania steel workers" wired their "pledge to intensify the fight for peace as a birthday gift."

The Communist Party of the New England, in its tribute to Foster, asserted that "long after the petty tyrants of today have been forgotten your name will be honored and cherished by millions of Americans who will come to appreciate your historic role in preparing the working class and its most powerful ally, the Negro people, to lead the way to socialism."

Participants in a testimonial banquet to Foster, held in Milwaukee, and including residents of that city and other Wisconsin communities, wired him their "warmest love and respect" for the "best son of the workingclass." Present were a veteran of Milwaukee's first May Day in 1886; a founder of the Marxist Finnish-American press; three victims of the deportation drive and leaders of the Negro and Indian peoples of Wisconsin.

## ASP CLASSES IN WRITING BEGIN MARCH 5

REGISTRATION is now under way for the spring term of the School for Writing and Advertising Craftsmen, a non-profit school being conducted by the Advertising and Writing and Publishing divisions of the N. Y. Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

Classes will be held at the Teachers' Center, 206 W. 15 St., beginning Monday, March 5. Students may register for one or more courses at ASP headquarters, 47 W. 44 St., any weekday from 7 to 10 p.m., until March 3 or at the Teachers' Center.

Professional writers and advertising men, with many years of experience, will teach the workshop courses in short story writing, journalism, creative writing, radio and television writing, advertising layout, copy, and other courses.

As part of the ASP's campaign to break down racial discriminatory barriers, an opportunity is provided for Negroes to learn these crafts and to conduct a campaign to place Negroes in jobs after their training is complete. Scholarships are being offered to Negro students who may apply.

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WJZ	- 770	ke.	WNEW	- 1130	ke.	WQXR	- 1560	ke.
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9:00-WOR-Hennessy  
WJZ-Breakfast Club  
WCBS-This Is New York  
WNYC-Masterwork Hour  
WQXR-News: Music  
9:15-WOR-Allyn Edwards  
9:30-WOR-Food-Alfred W. McCann  
WNBC-Andre Baruch Show  
WQXR-Piano Personalities  
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WQXR-Composers' Varieties  
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WOR-Henry Gladstone  
WJZ-My True Story  
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WQXR-Morning Melodies  
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WOR-News  
WJZ-Modern Romances  
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WCBS-Rosemary  
WQXR-Luncheon Concert

### AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC-News: Sketch's Scrapbook  
WOR-Kate Smith Speaks  
WJZ-Johnny Olson Show  
WNYC-Midday Symphony  
WCBS-Wendy Warren. Sketch  
WQXR-News Luncheon Concert  
12:15-WOR-Kate Smith Sings  
WCBS-Aunt Jenny  
WJZ-Sweeney and March  
12:25-WJZ-News  
12:30-WOR-News: Luncheon at Sardi's  
WCBS-Helen Trent  
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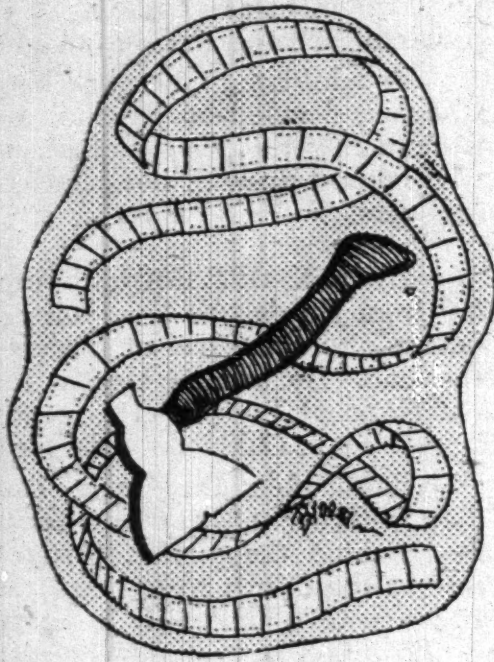


# HOLLYWOOD

By DAVID PLATT

## A Travesty on 'Americanism'—Will the Cast Ever Be Able to Live It Down!

WARNER BROS. has been forced to go far afield to get people to play in the stoolpigeon film *I Was a Communist for the FBI*. The cast of unknowns, recruited from all over the country, includes Mickey McCordle, former All-American quarterback for the University of Southern California football team, Johnny Bradford, recording artist and songwriter, Joan Wrae, night club entertainer, Hope Cramer, ex-Contover model and graduate of American Academy of Dramatic Arts, Ann Morrison, radio actress, Konstantine Shayne of Iron Curtain ill fame, and an assortment of disc jockies, half-backs and college thespians. The role of the FBI agent Matt Cvetic is being played by Frank Lovejoy, the one-armed vet in *Home of the Brave*. Ruth Roman, to her credit, turned down the role of Mrs. Cvetic. But Ernest Anderson, young Negro actor who did such a fine job as the medical student in *Warner's In This Our Life*, a few years ago, saddened many of his friends by accepting a role in this piece of gutter sewage. Will any of the participants in this travesty of 'Americanism' ever be able to live it down?



THE JOHNSTON OFFICE approved the *Oliver Twist* film for showing in regular movie theatres over the objections of several of its directors who argued that the minor revisions made by Eagle Lion Classics did not eliminate the anti-Semitism in the picture and so it was not deserving of an official purity seal. The majority of the board, however, saw no harm in releasing the "revised" film which still contains the degrading and repulsive portrait of Fagin.

AND SO UNLESS the fight against *Oliver Twist* is stepped up the anti-Semitic film will open shortly all over the country.

NOW THAT Eagle Lion Classics has received the blessing of the 'czar of all the rushes,' will they attempt to drum up business for *Oliver Twist* by sending Sandwich Men wearing yellow Star of David armbands through Yorkville, Queens and Nassau County?

According to Carter Thomsen, writing from Paris in the last issue of *Film Sense*, the distributors of *Jew Sues*, a 1941 Nazi-made anti-Semitic film, tried that promotion stunt in Paris not long ago but didn't get very far. "On the opening day, a united front of students, from Jewish and Christian youth organizations as well as the political parties of the Left and the MRP, demonstrated in Boulevard Saint-Germain in front of the Cluny-Palace, where the film was to be shown. The demonstration was successful and *Jew Sues* was replaced with another film. Out of the students' unity came a new organization, Students Committee Against Racism and Fascism."

JEW SUESS which is probably the most notorious of all anti-Semitic films was made by the Nazi director Veit Harlan. A few months ago when Harlan was on trial in a de-nazification court, he swore to high heaven that *Jew Sues* was not an anti-Semitic film. To prove his case, the maker of this vicious Hitlerite film cited the name of a REAL anti-Semitic film. Which film was that? The J. Arthur Rank film *Oliver Twist*, the film to which the Johnston Office has just given its purity seal.

Let it be placed in evidence that a master of anti-Semitic movie art has testified that *Oliver Twist* is worse than anything turned out by the Hitler regime.

## 'Cry Danger,' Crime Film at Paramount

By Harold Cruse

IF IT WERE NOT for the artificially-inspired wave-of-civic-virtue from the daily press with its exposes of crime, gambling, etc., Dick Powell's film, *Cry Danger* (at the Paramount) would not deserve more than a paragraph. It is a crime film, and like the current exposes in crime it borders on the low level of resting on a threadbare and thoroughly discredited maxim, to wit: "Crime Does Not Pay." Life has forced a qualifying of the maxim: "Crime Does Not Pay Whom?"

Ex-crooner Dick Powell plays a shady sort of a character in the story who takes to the straight and narrow path in the end—or so it would seem. At times it was difficult to tell, so mixed and vague were some of the motivations of the characters. Dick Powell (Rocky Mulloy) receives a pardon after serving 5 years of a long sentence for a hold-up murder which he didn't figure in. He's very grim, hard and bitter, making it difficult to remember Powell as the one time chubby sweet-faced crooner

of airwave and film musical. He left a pal in prison and dedicates himself to sleuthing out the real culprits.

Richard Erdman plays the crippled marine, Delong, whose testimony freed Rocky from prison. He becomes Rocky's sidekick, but he has a price. He's after a share of the loot from the unsolved holdup murder which never having turned up is presumed to be hidden away. The ethics are really ornery with these guys. Rocky is really innocent, but Delong didn't really believe it, yet he risks his neck with a perjured testimony and gets away with it.

Regis Toomey plays the inevitable Police lieutenant who wants to send somebody to jail for the crime even if it isn't solved. Also there's the big shot crook, Castro William Conrad (again an Italian) who pulled the job and was around all the time unsuspected. Rhoda Fleming plays the wife of Rocky's pal in prison. Snappy dialogue and pithy wise cracks, good pacing plus a real life crime story in the news lends an interest the film would not otherwise deserve.

## Andre Gide, Hero Of Rotting Capitalism

By Samuel Sillen

THE FRENCH novelist Andre Gide, who died last week at the age of 81, was one of the heroes of the decadent movement in literature, a talented corrupter of middle-class youth.

Years ago he posed as "anti-generates and human wrecks in heart of the bourgeois press." "The greatest French writer of the century," moaned the *New York Times*. "In his most frank confessions he even anticipated the Kinsey Report," said the *Herald-Tribune* in a lofty editorial tribute.

To all of which I can only comment in the words of another French writer, Roger Garaudy, in his booklet *Literature of the Graveyard*, writes: "Every class has the literature it deserves. Rotting capitalism has an art of rottenness."

The capitalists deserve their sick Gides and Sartres, just as the working class deserves Henri Barbusse, Romain Rolland and Louis Aragon.

GIDE WAS not merely sick, but utterly corrupt in his personal life as in his writing. He preached the sacred "unattachment" of the free personality. But he found no difficulty at all in attaching himself to the Nazis when they tramped on his beautiful country.

Gide was fond of drawing degenerates and human wrecks in his work. The hero of *The Vatican Swindle*, out of intellectual curiosity, throws an unoffending stranger off a speeding train. This is supposed to illustrate Gide's philosophy of freedom—the "gratuitous act," he called it.

His best known novel, *The Counterfeiters*, is like much of his work a self-portrait. It is a novel about a novelist who is writing a novel. The hero, Edouard, is a homosexual.

GIDE CARRIED his homosexuality as a banner, preached it as a new salvation. In a preface to *Corydon*, recently published here, he writes flatteringly that the United States is the one country that is ripe for his recipes of perversion.

Previously Gide had attacked the Soviet Union as "crushing individuality." He was wounded because he could not see Stalin to argue against Soviet laws discouraging to homosexuals. He then teamed up with the Trotskyites and later contributed to that dreary slander on humanity called *The God That Failed*.

In 1947 he won a Nobel Prize for still another book glorifying his aberration. The *Herald Tribune*, a family newspaper, says "he spoke to every man who thought, to every youth who felt."

Gide claimed to be a writer of novels unsullied by realism, "pure" novels. He called Balzac the "least pure" of the novelists because he reported too much about society. Gide exalted a mystic "intuition" over intelligence. Action, he said, is the real menace of the writer. "I am afraid of compromising myself. I mean limiting what I could do by what I do."

THIS SNOBBISH inheritor of a Louis XIII chateau was a wealthy man. Contemptuous of the masses, he nevertheless claimed for a moment to be on their side. But his self-advised "conversion to Communism" in the early 1930's was a fraud. What could there be in common between the working class and this egotistical, malicious self-seeker?

He once said: "I am quite certain to be the man who will exert the greatest influence fifty years from now." A horrible thought based on Gide's dream that the MacArthurs would succeed where the Hitlers and Petains failed.

Fortunately, the world is not going his way or the way of his death-ridden class.

## Ted Tinsley Says

### THAT INTERVIEW

IN GRANTING an interview to *Pravda*, Joseph Stalin shocked the capitalist world by breaking all the rules and saying exactly what he meant.

Nothing so confuses capitalist diplomats and newspaper experts as a statement which means what it says. This excited the liberal columnist Max Lerner on the *New York Post* to cry that we must not be childish in our reaction to the interview. This followed Lerner's childish attempt to prove that the interview resulted from the renegacy of a few Italian Communists. (You see, it was to get at the Italian situation that Stalin talked about Attlee and China. It's obvious!)

THE TIMES acted like one of those drunks who attempts to walk along the street with great dignity so the public at large will not notice that he does not know one foot from the other. "The time has passed," stated the *Times*, in a long editorial, "when American temperatures soared or fell in response to Stalinist interviews and pronouncements." Well, I usually object to the mendacious use of the term "Stalinist" as employed by the press, but you have to admit that an interview with Stalin is Stalinist. There's no getting around it. As the *Times* was describing the great principled calm which reigned in the Marshall Plan world, all the cabinets were meeting in special session and growing hysterical over the interviews, and the *Times* itself was in a frenzy of speculation over the interview.

EVEN EUGENE KACHOVANSKI spoke up. You may be forgiven if you do not know who Eugene Kachovanski is. He's the comic relief in the international political vaudeville show. He bills himself as the "Prime Minister of the Byelorussian Government in Exile," and he declared that he and his followers, all six of them, would not be "bluffed" by Stalin's pronouncement. He made this historic statement at a convention of his "government" held in Premier Palace, 505 Sutter Avenue, Brooklyn.

THE MORNING of the interview all the radio commentators outdid each other in speculations on "what Stalin really meant." Did the interview signal a "new turn" in policy? Did it mean a sudden shift in the Politburo? Besides, WHERE IS PETER ILYTCH TSCHAIKOWSKY?

Since these commentators and journalists and editorialists and columnists all want to know what the Stalin interview really means, let's take a sample section and help them figure it out.

STALIN SAID, "If Prime Minister Attlee were competent in financial or economic science, he would have realized without difficulty that not a single state, the Soviet Union included. . . . All right, let's stop right here.

What does "Prime Minister Attlee" mean? These words mean that a man named Attlee is a Prime Minister. Research will reveal that he is Prime Minister of England; England is a country, one of a group of islands known as the British Isles, lying off the coast of Europe. Therefore, we are safe in assuming that the words "Prime Minister Attlee" refer to a Prime Minister named Attlee who is the Prime Minister of England. Now we are getting somewhere.

STALIN SAYS "If Prime Minister Attlee were competent in financial or economic science. . . ." This implies that Prime Minister Attlee is not competent in financial or economic science. In other words, he is incompetent.

What does "incompetent" mean? Does it mean handsome? Does it mean bright? Let us turn to the dictionary. There we find that "incompetent" means "not competent; unable to do what is required." Therefore we can conclude that Prime Minister Attlee (of England) is unable to do what is required in matters dealing with financial or economic science.

IF THE RADIO commentators and editorial writers can unscramble their brains long enough to take this general approach to the Stalin interview, they will get quite an accurate idea of what Stalin really meant. Of course, they must prepare themselves for a shock. After ballyhooing the statements of Truman, Acheson, Dulles, and Austin, the experts will simply have to brace themselves and accept the conclusions that Stalin really meant what Stalin really said.

This is something new in politics, isn't it, fellows?

## Memphis Censor OKs Anti-Semitism

Cecil B. DeMille's anti-Semitic *King of Kings* has been okayed for showing in Memphis, Tenn., at the same time that Charlie Chaplin's great *City of Lights* has been banned by Lloyd T. Binford, long-time censor czar.

As reported in *Variety*, show business weekly, Binford "teed off" the 1951 season in a typical baffling fashion by green-lighting one pic and putting the kibosh on another.

*City of Lights* was nixed by Binford after a private screening. Binford told *Variety*:

"There's nothing wrong with the picture itself. In it Chaplin is a baggy-pants tramp with big shoes,

as he was in the early pictures. He doesn't talk in the picture," he added. Binford concluded by saying, "but because of Chaplin's character and reputation, we don't think the picture should be shown here again." The film played in Memphis in the early '30s.

Binford stopped *King of Kings* here in 1927 when he ordered deletions of certain scenes which, in the board's opinion, showed Jews in an unfavorable light.

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# WORKER Sports

## LYL Hits Campuses With 20,000 Copies of 'EXTRA'

A slam bang EXTRA edition of "Challenge," organ of the Labor Youth League, was given out 20,000 strong on the campuses of New York colleges yesterday. Chock full of facts undercutting all the phony and racist hogwash on the basketball "scandals," the attractively made up paper was received with great interest by students looking for the answers.

Top headline read "Student Demand: Reinstate Now." A big picture showed:

LIU students refusing to go along with the version that the players were the "criminals," cheering at a huge rally for the re-instatement as students of Leroy Smith, Sherman White and Al Bigos. Also on page one is a story "LIU, CCNY Students Want Players Back," giving the details of the widespread campaign.

"A Program of Action" complet-

ing the first page list: 1. Reinstate players NOW. 2. Reinstate sports at LIU. 3. Get the gamblers, not the guys. 4. Give students security with Federal Aid to Education.

The reverse side features four more hard hitting articles, a cartoon, and a plug for Challenge.

"Is Hogan Pure?" is the head on one article, and it opens up "What is Hogan really covering up in his attack on the basketball players? Could it be that he is trying to get out of doing something about police brutality in Harlem?"

It goes on to point out that

Hogan broke all speed records for rushing to the defense of the cops who murdered the Negro veteran, John Derrick, asks what will happen to the investigation of police graft, those who have "resigned," and the real menaces, the big shot crooks, gamblers and bookies.

Another article is "Students Rap Racist Slurs," and deals with the heated reaction at CCNY to a scurrilous article on Warner and the youth of Harlem, which appeared in the Campus. It also points to the way the press tries to make an anti-Jewish issue out of the whole thing by pointing to the Catskill resorts as the "source of all the trouble."

"Who's Cashing In?" and "Timid Souls Leave Players in Lurch" are two more informative, no punch pulled articles.

Here are excerpts from the main editorial article on page one:

All the crocodile tears shed over the basketball fix would be sufficient to drown every single college student within 100 miles of the Garden.

Every phony and hypocrite has been slobbering about the "meaning" of it all—at the expense of the CCNY and LIU players and every other college student.

Some of them, in the role of left-overs from the days of the Inquisition, condemn the players to severest penal servitude as the arch fiends of innocent youth and all mankind. They simply have no energy left to comment on the ghastly release in recent days of the nazi butchers of millions.

Then there are the smoother sanctimonious prigs who, more "wordly" about the whole thing prattle about "environment" and "morality." These characters speak learnedly about slums, but not a word about the environment of preparation for war at the expense of youth's welfare, of attacks upon civil liberties and academic freedom.

These characters speak of decency and fair-play, but utter not a word about the cynicism, the "dog-eat-dog knife-the-other-guy" motto that is the basic law of a system that prizes profits as the greatest objective, that measures success in dollar bills (no matter how they are gotten—be it through administration tie-ups with the Garden, police graft, gambling, or procurement of war contracts.)

That great thinker, N. Y. Post's Max Lerner, basing himself on the Eisenhower philosophy, weeps bitterly that the players (and this goes for all students as well) place too much value upon "security" and not enough on "conscience."

In all that welter of Lernerian words, no mention is made of that plain, crude fact that when students speak of security, they mean peace and not a draft that suddenly yanks them out of classroom and home; they mean a chance to work, get married, contribute their talents and skills to the country's welfare; they mean the elimination of discrimination and a chance to express their opinions without fear of reprisal. Does that "higher value of conscience" embrace war and fear of the future?

The players have taken a worse beating than is handed out to murderers, fascists, makers of pogroms and atomic wars? We students say they've had more than enough. They must now be allowed to return to class.

## on the scoreboard

by lester rodney

### Quick Switch to Baseball Today

MAJOR LEAGUE SCOUTS are already being told to give the go by to the youngsters of draft age. As Detroit general manager Evans says, "Obviously with approximately three million young men in military service the potential talent will be cut into sharply. The Tigers and virtually every other major league club already have reduced their minor league holdings. When you do that, you in turn affect your scouting system, for with fewer clubs to supply with personnel, you require less talent."

Which supplies just a tiny little footnote to the wholesale wreckage of careers brought on by the phony "emergency" and the profitable arming against phantom aggressors.

In addition to the wrecking of the hopes of the youngsters who had decided on baseball as their livelihood and career, there is beginning the process of giving the sack to the old time players who hooked up with the game as scouts, trainers and minor league managers.

CHUCK DRESSEN, the new Dodger manager now recovering from flu—what's this, you can get flu in Florida too?—is very uneasy about the trio of players he sent along to the Giants from Oakland. He had no idea at the time that he would wind up in the National League. He rates all three of the new Giants, who helped spark Oakland to the Coast flag, as sure shots for success.

Ray Noble, the Cuban catcher, is reported already making them whistle at the Giants' camp. He's a slugger and a smooth man behind the platter. Artie Wilson is just the kind of infield reserve the Giants have been starving for, one who can fill in anywhere with a uniformly good performance and still rap the ball. Neither Lohrke nor Rigney could hit with enough consistency. And pitcher Allan Cettel, who won 23, with the aid of a newly mastered screwball, could be one of those late developing sleepers.

If these three make the grade, it's hard to see how the Giants can be stopped. Most baseball men felt that the Polo Grounders would have taken it all if Monte Irvin had been in there from the start instead of the loud out rookies at first, and if Hearn and Maglie were taking their turns on the hill a little earlier.

No, Brooklyn fans, I am not picking the Giants.

Not yet, anyhow.

THE MOST RECENT anecdote about the Pittsburgh Pirates new coach, our old Brooklyn friend Babe Herman, has to do with his career as a budding California farmer. He decided to go in for turkeys and forthwith bought a load. Then he bought a mess of wheat for feed. Grain was relatively cheap at the moment, but shortly there after the price suddenly jumped sky high. The Babe promptly sold his wheat for a handsome profit. "But what about the turkeys?" asked one of his neighbors.

"The hell with the turkeys," snapped Babe, "Let 'em scratch for it like the rest of the birds."

EARLY FEELING is that the Red Sox and Indians are the lone threats to the Yanks. With the loss of Houtteman and the failure of the Tigers' jimmie farm system to develop the first baseman and reserves the Tigers' desperately need, Detroit is being ruled out. Some think the Bosox made a ten strike in the acquisition of Lou Boudreau, the kind of winning pro who may supply the missing element to turn the awesome statistics into a championship. Scarborough and Wight shouldn't hurt either, should they?

An air of high optimism comes from the Tucson camp of the Indians. Finishing with the most solid young club in the league, they are adding to their already potent batting order the talents of rookie outfielder Simpson, who blasted the Pacific Coast League wide open with 156 rbis, and socking infield-outfield reserve Oreste Minoso, who hit a thumping .339. Add this to Easter, Boone, Rosen, Mitchell, Doby, Hegan and the trim pitching corps of Lemon, Feller, Wynn, Garcia and its hard to see how the Indians can move any way but up.

REPORT FROM Palm Springs, California indicate that the Chicago White Sox can definitely be crossed off the list of jimmie row clubs, which remains at eleven. First baseman Bob Boyd is definitely figured for the ballclub. This 25 year old veteran of World War Two was plucked from the Memphis team of the Negro League last summer and sent to Colorado Springs, where in 42 games he hit .373 and drove in 39 runs.

Another Negro player, catcher Sam Hairston, was figured for a more gradual ascent up the ladder, but his sensational performance in the fast Venezuelan winter league may have changed the minds of the Sox board of strategy. Hairston clouted .375 and was the unanimous choice for all star catcher. New manager Paul Richards, an ex catcher and a smart one, is anxious for a look at him. Richards flatly tabbed Campanella as baseball's number one catcher while Roy was still in the minors.

## Mickey McDermott Says O'Neill Has Made Him Better Pitcher

SARASOTA, Fla., Feb. 28 (UP).—Red Sox lefty Mickey McDermott, whose manager already insists he throws harder than anybody in baseball said today he figured to have "even" more speed with less effort this year because of a new pitching motion.

He said that manager Steve O'Neill had corrected his delivery and that "already I am beginning to notice that I am throwing better."

O'Neill, starting his first full season as manager of the Red Sox, said he observed last year that "Mickey was throwing all of the time as if there were men on base."

"I wasn't taking advantage of a full windup," McDermott said. "Well, O'Neill took me in hand and showed me how to cock my arm back and throw overhand in a cycle motion. I don't know why it had never occurred to me before, but I saw right away how much smoother I could work. Before, I had just held the ball by my shoulder and rared away with it."

"I want to tell you it may be only one man's opinion but that O'Neill is great," he said. "Nobody ever has treated me any better. Boy, if there were more guys like him around there wouldn't be any wars because nobody would be mad at anybody."

## Lawrence Tech, Dayton, Beloit In NIT Tourney

Three of the small midwest schools with very potent teams have come into the National Invitation Tourney which opens at the Garden March 10. They are Beloit, Lawrence

Tech and Dayton. Together with the previous four already in, St. Johns, Brigham Young, North Carolina State and Arizona, they bring the total to seven, with five spots left to fill.

Indications are that these five will come from among NYU, Fordham, Villanova, Cincinnati, Holy Cross, St. Louis, Toledo and Niagara. Kentucky is definitely out, sticking to the NCAA only.

Lawrence Tech is a little Detroit school whose team won 20 and lost 2. The two defeats were to Washington and Jefferson and CCNY, both by two points. In the W and J game, Coach Don Ridler confesses he mistakenly pulled out his regulars too soon when they were coasting with a 15 point lead, and couldn't get them back in time. CCNY nipped Tech in a thriller when the Beavers were on their resurgent Western trip, with the "fixes" all behind them. Nat Holman said Tech's Blaine Denning, a 6-2 Negro forward, was as fine a player as he had seen all year.

Dayton, with a record of 23 wins and 4 defeats, is led by highly touted center Monk Meinke, who has scored over 1,000 points in two years. Beloit of Wisconsin has won 16 and lost 4. It was the most sensational team to show in Chicago all year, running DePaul into the ground by 30 points and smashing all local records with 97 points. It is supposed to be a spectacular fast break team.

It will be first time in the NIT for all three of these schools, and naturally, the excitement is great on the campuses.

Chances are the seeded four will be St. Johns, Arizona, Brigham Young and North Carolina State. This would mean that the four draw a bye on the opening day, when the other eight meet in afternoon and night double-headers.

NYU, with a record of 11-4, boosted its stock with its victory over Notre Dame. On the record, which includes impressive wins over Oregon State, Vanderbilt and Stanford as well as the Irish, the Violets belong in this year's field.

## Berra Signs, Price Unknown

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 28 (UP).—Larry (Yogi) Berra, New York Yankee first string catcher, ended his holdout today and came to terms with Yankee officials.

Terms of the contract were not announced. However, the Yankees had offered Berra \$25,000 in two previous tries to get his name on a contract.

Berra turned down both previous contracts, standing firm on his demands which were reported to be about \$40,000.

Berra was to report immediately to the Yankees spring training camp and was expected to be on hand when full-fledged drills get underway tomorrow.

## Jackie Reports at 205, 'Best Shape'

VERO BEACH, Fla., Feb. 28 (UP).—Second-baseman Jackie Robinson checked into the Brooklyn Dodgers' base today and immediately dispelled fears that his waist-line might be a problem by scaling only 205 pounds.

"I am lighter and more eager to play ball than I have been at any time since I came to the majors," Robinson, who hit .328 last season, said. "I was down to 203 but picked up two pounds since I left home."

Preacher Roe and Don Newcombe, the Dodgers' twin 19-game winners who had the flu, worked out today for the first time since last Friday.

